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Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

MISSION STATEMENT

Through direct action, alliances, partnerships, and joint powers authorities, the Conservancy's mission is to strategically buy back, preserve, protect, restore, and enhance treasured pieces of southern California to form an interlinking system of urban, rural and river parks, open space, trails, and wildlife habitats that are easily accessible to the general public.



CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

During fiscal year 2002-2003, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy continued its legacy of preserving and protecting treasured open space throughout Southern California. The acquisition of over 3,600 acres was made possible by partners at the local, state, and federal level as well as private donors.

Major accomplishments of the Conservancy this year include:

- Acquisition of 244-acre Verdugo Mountains Open Space Preserve, augmenting a contiguous 4,000-acre block of open space in the Verdugo Mountains
- Acquisition of 404-acre Browns Canyon, foundation for the 2,000-acre Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park
- Dedication of several new parks around Southern California including Tuna Canyon Park in Malibu, Whitney Canyon Park in Santa Clarita, the Michael D. Antonovich Open Space Preserve, and the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail
- Completion of the Richard Lillard Outdoor Classroom in Studio City, the first of many planned improvements along the Los Angeles River in the San Fernando Valley
- Establishment of a matching funds grant program to aid conservation efforts by local governments and nonprofit organizations
- Continued leadership in environmental education, with programs for seniors, special-needs children, volunteers, inner-city pre-teens and teens, and comprehensive training for park professionals
- Final negotiations of the 1,733-acre Joughin Ranch acquisition, ensuring preservation of this core Santa Susana Mountains habitat and cross-mountain connection



Dedication to the preservation of open space by citizens and local lawmakers is an important part of the Conservancy's success. As the population continues to increase exponentially in Southern California, the protection of undeveloped open space remains a key component in maintaining the quality of life. With funding from citizen-supported Propositions 12, 13, 40, and 50, the Conservancy is able to extend the benefits of our mountains into the city, creating green space along the Los Angeles River and in heavily urbanized areas. We look forward to carrying on the effort to create a treasured network of parks, trails, and open space for public use and wildlife habitat.

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JEROME C. DANIEL

Chairperson

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

INTRODUCTION

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established in 1980 following the passage of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act. This landmark legislation, amended five times since then to bring more of the Southern California mountains within the Conservancy's jurisdiction, has resulted in the preservation of over 55,000 acres of parkland, the improvement of more than 100 public recreational facilities, and numerous individual grants to nonprofit organizations for educational and interpretation programs that have served hundreds of thousands of children, seniors, and other park visitors.

The Conservancy consists of nine voting members and two ex officio members. Six members of the Legislature participate in Conservancy meetings. This policy-making entity for the Conservancy is broadly representative of state, regional, and local interests. A twenty-six member Advisory Committee meets jointly with the Conservancy and offers citizens the opportunity for even greater participation. The composition of both the Conservancy and the Advisory Committee has greatly expanded since its inception.

The key to the Conservancy's success has been partnerships—cooperating landowners, local governments, joint powers entities, California State Parks and the National Park Service—all have contributed to the articulation of a greater vision for parks, open space, and natural habitat surrounding the Southern California metropolis.

This report will detail the financial activities of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for fiscal year 2002-2003, and highlight several of its parkland purchases and improvement projects over the past year. In accordance with previous years' reports, information regarding the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and other Joint Powers Agencies is also included in this report.

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The Conservancy's strategic objectives continue to be guided by the goal of an interlinking network of parks, trails, and open space for public use and wildlife habitat, ensuring future open space and recreational lands in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

The goals and objectives were initially set in the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan and the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan.

They have been updated through a strategic planning process which included substantial public input.

Implement the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan

- Complete fee and less than fee acquisition program
- Cooperate with National Park Service (NPS) and State Parks in implementing the Joint Efficiencies MOU
- Cooperate with NPS management plan for Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) and Santa Monica Mountains Zone
- Continue to maximize acquisition dollars by leveraging funds where appropriate

Implement the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor Master Plan

- Complete land acquisition recommendations of the Plan
- Complete trails and trail amenities recommended by the Plan
- Cooperate with private sector in providing recreational opportunities
- Continue to maximize acquisition dollars by leveraging funds where appropriate

Implement the Los Angeles County River Master Plan

- Create 51 miles of continuous river parkway and greenbelt
- Develop recreation, park, trail and habitat restoration opportunities
- Increase community involvement
- Cooperate with local government and nonprofit partners and maximize acquisition dollars by leveraging funds where appropriate

Implement the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed and Open Space Plan

- Restore balance between natural and human systems in the watersheds
- Land: Create, expand, and improve public open space and recreation for all communities; connect open space with a network of trails
- Water: Maintain and improve flood protection; establish riverfront greenways to cleanse water; improve quality of surface water and ground water
- Planning: Coordinate watershed planning across jurisdictions and boundaries; encourage multi-objective planning and projects; use science as a basis for planning

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Further Cooperation with Local Governments in the Region to Secure Open Space and Parkland

- Strengthen partnership agreements with local governments and establish new joint powers entities throughout the region where appropriate
- Ensure that Conservancy land acquisition expertise is made available where needed
- Reduce State work load by utilizing local agency agreements and state and local partnerships wherever possible
- Develop comprehensive plan for areas not covered by initial Conservancy Comprehensive Plan and incorporate and link those areas to protect species and ecosystems

Expand efforts to integrate Nature into the Urban Environment

- Acquire or create parkland in urban areas that lack open space or natural parks
- Link and integrate new natural parks into existing park system—literally via transportation and physical linkages, thematically via programs and events
- Develop joint powers authorities with local government entities and urban interests
- Maximize funding opportunities through partnerships

Expand education, public access, and resource stewardship components in a manner that best serves the public, protects habitat, and provides recreational opportunities

- Expand local government, school district, and nonprofit ventures to provide increased educational and access opportunities
- Link key habitat areas strategically to protect species and ecosystems through acquisition and cooperation with other resource management agencies
- Increase resource stewardship and educational/interpretative capabilities within the Zone
- Create comprehensive, regional, and integrated trails plan
- Develop long term capital improvement and maintenance plans



ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park at Joughin Ranch



The 1,733-acre Joughin Ranch has been a high priority on Conservancy Workprograms for over a decade. The stunning property is located in Los Angeles County on the south slopes of the Santa Susana Mountains between Chatsworth and Simi Valley, and encompasses the headwaters of both the Los Angeles River and Calleguas Creek Watersheds. The long-sought acquisition was finally negotiated and funded during fiscal year 2002-2003, with escrow closing July 18, 2003. The purchase by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was made possible with grants from the Wildlife Conservation Board, the Los Angeles County Open Space District (Proposition A), and The Nature Conservancy.

Two major drainages on the ranch, Devil Canyon and Browns Canyon, contain dense oak woodlands and riparian corridors with year-round surface water. Approximately 5 miles of blueline streams are present on the Joughin Ranch parkland. The site also supports coastal sage scrub, California walnut woodlands, big-cone Douglas fir, native and non-native grasslands, and chaparral. Joughin Ranch is an important hub for wildlife movement and includes recreational trail opportunities and protection of a regionally significant scenic viewshed.

ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

Verdugo Mountains Open Space Preserve

Located in the northern portion of the City of Glendale, twenty minutes from downtown Los Angeles, the 244-acre Verdugo Mountains Open Space Preserve (formerly known as the Oakmont V property), is in the lushly vegetated north-facing flank of the Verdugo Mountains in the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed. Entirely within a region designated by Los Angeles County as a Significant Ecological Area, the stunningly beautiful preserve contains more than 2,300 mature coast live oaks, sycamores, big leaf maples, bay laurels, and other indigenous trees. Numerous springs and blueline streams provide for a rich diversity of habitat.

The purchase was a joint effort by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the City of Glendale. The property was purchased on March 21, 2003 by the Conservancy for \$12,000,000. Funding was provided by State funds including recent bond measures, Proposition 13 (Water Bond 2000) and Proposition 40 (Resources Bond 2002) as well as a General Fund appropriation from a prior fiscal year. Assemblymember Dario Frommer and Congressman Adam Schiff were instrumental in the purchase, which was actively pursued by the Conservancy since 1997. The citizens' group Volunteers Organized in Conserving the Environment (VOICE) actively supported preservation of the property.

The Verdugo Mountains are a unique urban mountain range comprised of 14-square miles of habitat that remain tenuously connected to the Angeles National Forest via the Big Tujunga Wash. The acquisition bolsters a contiguous 4,000-acre block of open space including parkland owned by the cities of Glendale, the City of Burbank, Los Angeles, the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The property contains several prominent ridgelines and is highly visible from within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, the 210 Freeway, and the Angeles National Forest. Equally dramatic are the vistas from the upper slopes of the property. An extensive network of existing trails on the property highlight its immediate recreational value for more than one million people.



ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

Confluence Park

In March 2003, the Conservancy and MRCA celebrated the first acquisition of Confluence Park. Confluence Park Phase One was acquired by the MRCA. The first phase of park development will occur on this half-acre vacant parcel, at the intersection of Figueroa Street and San Fernando Road in Cypress Park. Planned improvements include picnic facilities, native landscaping, a water feature, and amenities for bicyclers and pedestrians. These improvements will complement changes to roads and transportation in the vicinity, potentially including retrofitting the San Fernando Road/Figueroa Street/Riverside Drive intersection with a vehicular roundabout.

When complete, Confluence Park will connect potential and existing open space surrounding the 5 Freeway/Arroyo Seco Parkway interchange at the confluence of the Los Angeles River and the Arroyo Seco. The Conservancy's goal is to provide regional and community attractions and to create multi-modal links between the Los Angeles River, Taylor Yard, and Arroyo Seco Bikeways. Project partners include the California Department of Transportation, the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles and the United States Geological Survey.

The Conservancy contracted with Community Development by Design and the University of California, Berkeley to research several neighborhoods adjacent to the river, focusing on the residents' impressions and attitudes toward the river and its parks. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps and the California Trust for Public Schools conducted additional research.



ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

Browns Canyon



Browns Canyon located in the central Santa Susana Mountains offers more wilderness elements than any other Los Angeles River tributary outside of the Angeles National Forest. In the fall of 2002, the Conservancy granted Proposition 40 funds to the MRCA to acquire 404 acres in lower Browns Canyon. The parkland includes a scenic, old gravel quarry that will soon make an ideal parking and staging area for access to open space in the numerous tributaries of the canyon. This property is the foundation for the 2,000-plus-acre Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park which was dedicated in late summer 2003. An oak lined road leads up to the quarry and a network of trails lead in all directions but east. The property contains a spring-fed pond and surrounding mountain slopes support purple-sage dominated coastal sage scrub. Acquisition of this property was the key to providing easy public access to Browns Canyon. The northern portion of the property provides sweeping vistas of the Santa Susana Mountains to the north and the San Fernando Valley to the south. Near term plans include construction of a campground, amphitheater, ranger residence, restored stream and equestrian amenities.

ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

Heidelberg Park

Located in the Mount Washington community near downtown Los Angeles, 18-acre Heidelberg Park provides a rare glimpse of the natural appearance of Mount Washington prior to European settlement of the Los Angeles basin. The park's steep slopes have harbored one of the best remaining examples of California black walnut woodland in all of Southern California. The walnut woodland here provides food and excellent cover for wildlife, and critical roosting and nesting sites for numerous songbirds and birds of prey.

Purchased in November 2002, Heidelberg Park is the second largest natural park permanently protected by the Conservancy in the Mount Washington area, known for its twisting streets, city views and rural character. The Conservancy purchased nearby Elyria Canyon Park in 1994, with the energetic support of the Mount Washington community.



Oak Forest Canyon Natural Area

After more than thirty years of effort by the local community, in November 2002, Oak Forest Canyon Natural Area in Sherman Oaks was purchased by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. The acquisition was funded with a Proposition 12 grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Oak Forest Canyon is a small but significant oak woodland with a perennial stream, adjacent to the Conservancy's 110-acre Fossil Ridge Park.



ACQUISITION HIGHLIGHTS

Laurel Canyon-Briar Summit

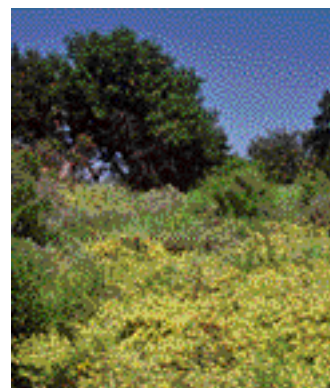
The 52-acre Laurel Canyon-Briar Summit property, in the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan area, is part of an approximately 110-acre habitat block in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains that has been a high priority since 1993. Acquired in December 2002, the property provides both a critical core habitat area and a hub for wildlife movement in the only habitat network that can replenish wildlife to the 5,000-acre Griffith Park habitat block. The leadership of State Senator Sheila Kuehl and Assemblymember Paul Koretz, who secured funding for the project, as well as grassroots efforts by local residents was key to the success of this important acquisition. Working with the nonprofit Mountains Restoration Trust, more than \$100,000 in private funding was also raised to acquire this significant hillside property, which is highly visible from both the coastal and valley sides of the Santa Monica Mountains.



DEDICATION HIGHLIGHTS

One of the greatest pleasures of the Conservancy is the dedication of new public parkland. These ceremonies celebrate the accomplishment of often years-long efforts of the Conservancy, its Federal, State, and local government partners, and the leadership of devoted community members to preserve and enhance open space and public parkland. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the Conservancy held twelve dedication ceremonies.

Tuna Canyon Park



In August 2002, the Conservancy dedicated stunning Tuna Canyon Park. The extraordinary 1,255-acre property, which parallels more than two miles of the Southern California coast, provides dramatic, 360-degree views from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Santa Monica Bay. At the ceremony, biomedical entrepreneur Alfred E. Mann, who, by means of the Natural Heritage Tax Credit Act of 2000 donated 1,015-acres of the pristine coastal wilderness, was honored alongside Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, who secured \$3,500,000 in Los Angeles County Proposition A funds to acquire an additional 240 acres.

Tuna Canyon Park links over 18,000 acres of contiguous protected open space from Topanga State Park west to Las Flores Canyon. Deep canyons and ridges support a rich mosaic of coastal Southern California plant communities including sycamore riparian woodland, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, and native grasslands. Tuna Creek, one of the most pristine aquatic habitats in the Santa Monica Mountains, courses through the eastern end of the property to the ocean.

DEDICATION HIGHLIGHTS

Whitney Canyon Park

The long-awaited dedication of 442-acre Whitney Canyon in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor by the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA), the joint powers agency between the City of Santa Clarita and the Conservancy, was a major highlight of the 2002-2003 fiscal year. Assemblymember George Runner and the City of Santa Clarita celebrated the culmination of ten years of effort to preserve this regionally significant portal into Angeles National Forest, located immediately adjacent to the Antelope Valley Freeway (State Highway 14).

Popular with hikers and mountain bikers, Whitney Canyon Park provides outstanding examples of coastal sage scrub, oak woodland, chaparral, and riparian corridor vegetation, with year-round springs and at least ten sensitive species. It provides a critical corridor for wildlife movement between the Santa Susana Mountains and the San Gabriel Mountains. The blueline stream draining Whitney Canyon is part of the Santa Clara River Watershed; acquisition of the site ensures important watershed protection.



DEDICATION HIGHLIGHTS

Michael D. Antonovich Open Space

In August 2002, the Conservancy held a dedication ceremony naming the newly acquired East Canyon-BFI dedication for Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich as the Michael D. Antonovich Open Space Preserve. At the ceremony, longtime park supporters Don Mullally, Mary Edwards, Laurene Weste, and James McCarthy were also honored. The dedication of parkland of 480 acres in upper East Canyon in the Santa Clarita Woodlands had been long awaited, pursuant to a 1992 Los Angeles County landfill development condition. The former Browning Ferris Industries property finally transferred to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority in June 2002, with the cooperation of the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation and Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. The extraordinary property has enormous significance for recreational trail linkages and the ecological integrity of core habitat in the Santa Susana Mountains. It is a key part of a vital 8,000-acre wilderness corridor.

The Michael D. Antonovich Open Space directly adjoins the MRCA's East and Rice Canyon units of the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park, and has trail access from the MRCA trailhead at the Old Road in Newhall, and the Weldon Canyon overpass of the Golden State Freeway in the Newhall Pass.



DEDICATION HIGHLIGHTS

Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail

In January 2003, Federal, State, and local officials joined the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy at the dedication of the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail. State Senator Sheila Kuehl authored legislation which named the Trail in honor of Marge Feinberg who, in her 1974 Master's thesis, first envisioned a trail connecting all the parkland and recreational areas encircling the San Fernando, Simi, and La Crescenta Valleys. Mrs. Feinberg passed away in 1999.

Marge Feinberg's tireless volunteer efforts led to legislation that designated the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor in the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Zone. The Corridor was created to form an interlinking system of parks, trails, open space, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities within and between the Santa Monica, Santa Susana and San Gabriel Mountains. The Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor lays out the blueprint for a system of natural lands that shelters wildlife and extends recreational opportunities throughout a large urban area. The backbone of that system-and the thread which will one day tie it together is the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail.

In addition to State Senator Kuehl, State Senator Richard Alarcón, Assemblymembers Carol Liu and Lloyd Levine, Los Angeles City Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles City Council President Alex Padilla, Santa Clarita City Councilmember Laurence Weste and Congressman Brad Sherman spoke to a large crowd honoring Feinberg's lasting achievements, and underscoring the significance of the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor in Los Angeles' regional open space network.

The dedication took place at the Conservancy's newly constructed Saddletree Ranch Trailhead in Sylmar, the most recent addition to the Rim of the Valley Trail.



IMPROVEMENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Temescal Gateway Park Infrastructure Improvements

Improvements in Temescal Gateway Park and the Temescal Conference and Retreat Center continued this year with the completion of the new utility infrastructure project. This project upgraded the electrical, gas and water service to all buildings. These upgrades have increased the safety and utility of existing structures. The infrastructure project included installing all the electrical lines underground. Ultimately the proliferation of telephone poles in the back of the canyon will be removed, thus restoring the beauty of the canyon's tree canopy.



Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail – Saddletree Ranch Trailhead and Trail

In the northern San Fernando Valley community of Sylmar, MRCA construction crews built the Saddletree Ranch trailhead, which includes an entrance feature, a kiosk and seating area, and a subsequent new 1.5 mile-long section of the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail. The trail winds through a 65-acre conservation easement with the San Gabriel Mountains ascending above, and a long view of the San Fernando Valley below. The easement and trail improvements were funded by the Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1996 (Proposition A).

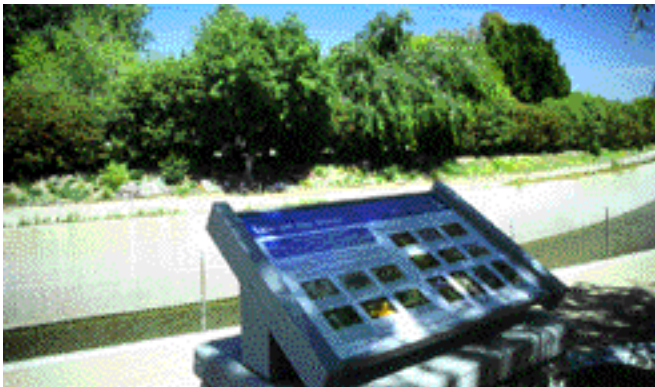
The new trail provides the long-awaited “missing link” to the Sylmar equestrian community. By tying together the Conservancy's Wilson Canyon Park, Los Angeles City-owned Stetson Ranch, and a Los Angeles City-maintained trail through privately-owned Cascades Golf Course to the Golden State Freeway, it creates the longest publicly-owned section of the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trail outside the Angeles National Forest.



IMPROVEMENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Richard Lillard Outdoor Classroom

The Conservancy dedicated the Richard Lillard Outdoor Classroom in Studio City in March 2003. The first of many projects planned by the Conservancy along the river's edge in the San Fernando Valley, the park includes restoration of the natural areas, interpretive displays, an outdoor amphitheater, native riparian landscaping, and irrigation. The Studio City park has long been informally used for dog walking and exercise by the surrounding neighborhood. The Conservancy improved access to the trails by adding stairs on an eroded slope and improving the pathways. The nonprofit Village Gardeners, who for years have worked to beautify the river bank in the area, were a local partner and will use the newly-built shed and composting area. The park is named for Richard Lillard, one of Los Angeles' pioneering ecologists, who had a strong influence on the establishment of the Friends of the Los Angeles River. Mr. Lillard helped lead the fight against converting Mulholland Drive into a freeway and was one of the first to propose a regional park in the Santa Monica Mountains to permanently preserve open space.



IMPROVEMENT PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Los Angeles River Bicycle Staging Area

As part of a larger effort along the Los Angeles River and Arroyo Seco to connect bicycle and pedestrian trails throughout the region, the Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority built one of the first self-service bicycle staging areas in the City of Los Angeles. Located near the junction of several bicycle trails at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens near downtown Los Angeles, the facility provides bicyclists a drinking fountain, repair station, tire pump, bicycle racks, picnic table, sitting area, and a family restroom. While serving cyclists from all over the region, it will enhance the bikeway connections between Griffith Park, Elysian Park, and the historic El Pueblo in downtown Los Angeles. Cyclists now have an opportunity to handle basic bike maintenance and rest amongst the mature trees of the Los Angeles River Center and River Garden Park. The new facility was inaugurated on May 18, 2003 as a rest stop during the third annual Los Angeles River Ride, a 1,200-rider bike tour along the Los Angeles River from Griffith Park to Long Beach. The project was funded by the Caltrans Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program.



Proposition 40 Local Government and Nonprofit Matching Funds Grant Program

This year, the Conservancy made a concerted effort to reestablish a grant program for local government and nonprofit entities. The impetus behind this program is both to assist other entities in completing projects that are part of the Conservancy's mission, and to maximize the positive impact of the Conservancy's Proposition 40 funds. The core requirement of the program is that the grantee has to provide a minimum cash match of fifty percent of the Conservancy's contribution. The initial round of the program funded nine projects for a total of \$2,114,745 in fiscal year 2002-2003. Each grant is briefly described below. Three of the grantees are nonprofits and the other six are local governments spread over a broad range of the Conservancy's jurisdiction.



Altadena Chaney Trail Corridor

This matching grant provided \$25,575 to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy to acquire a 1.5-acre parcel in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains. The parcel contains a crucial link in the Chaney Trail, which ultimately connects Altadena with Mount Wilson.

Glendale/Le Mesnager Improvements

This matching grant provided \$200,000 to the City of Glendale to implement construction drawings for improvements at the Le Mesnager historic site in the Deukmejian Wilderness Park. The improvements are for the purposes of seismic stabilization and rehabilitation of structures on the site, and for the creation of interpretive displays. Through these improvements, the Le Mesnager barn will become an interpretive center.

Hall Beckley/La Cañada Flintridge

This matching grant provided \$600,000 to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for acquisition of the approximately 6-acre Hall Beckley property adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. The property provides a high quality and beautiful access point for two trails in the National Forest.

Agoura Hills/Reyes Adobe Restoration

This matching grant provided \$400,000 to the City of Agoura Hills for restoration of the Reyes Adobe historic site, and implementation of an interpretive plan. An almost 200-year-old adobe house and a barn are located on the site.

MATCHING GRANTS TO NONPROFITS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Calabasas Wild Walnut Park Improvements

This matching grant provided \$29,170 to the City of Calabasas to implement improvements to Wild Walnut Park, located at Headwaters Corner in the upper Los Angeles River watershed. Those improvements included installation of a trail, fencing to protect the walnut grove, benches, tables, and signs.

Los Angeles County – Calabasas/Cold Creek

This matching grant provided \$200,000 to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to acquire a 120-acre parcel that is located in both the Topanga and Cold Creek watersheds. The Calabasas/Cold Creek Trail follows the ridgeline on the property. The rare Santa Susana tarplant is found on the property.

Headwaters Corner – Mountains Restoration Trust

This matching grant provided \$250,000 to the Mountains Restoration Trust to acquire a parcel totaling approximately 2.2 acres located along Dry Canyon Creek, a perennial headwaters of the Los Angeles River. The parcel is within Headwaters Corner, which will eventually be used as a Regional Environmental Interpretive Center. The parcel provides a critical link of the Henry Ridge Trail.



Pasadena Flint Wash Bridge

This \$375,000 matching grant will be used by the City of Pasadena to construct a 150-foot bridge over Flint Wash to connect the Flint Canyon Trail and the old Oak Grove area within Hahamongna Watershed Park. Part of a trail system that connects the Angeles National Forest with the Arroyo Seco, the bridge is an essential link within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2004 and will utilize an existing historic bridge abutment.

Elysian Valley Skate Park Landscaping

This matching grant begins a unique partnership between the Conservancy, the City of Los Angeles, and a local nonprofit organization, Elysian Valley United. The Conservancy awarded \$35,000 for native landscaping around a skate park at Marsh Street Park. Elysian Valley United is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving local youth.

EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The MRCA offers comprehensive educational and interpretive programs throughout the Los Angeles region utilizing Conservancy and MRCA parks as outdoor laboratories and classrooms. Programs include environmental education programs for schools that meet state content standards, and after-school programs for at-risk youth focusing on outdoor leadership and awareness skills. Public programs for seniors, families and small children range from full-moon hikes, to photography classes, to edible plant walks. Youth leadership programs include Junior Rangers for middle school participants, and Ranger Explorers for teens and young adults. MRCA also offers transportation programs that provide the opportunity to visit parks, and training programs for individuals and other park professionals.



Programs are offered at a variety of park sites as well as at local schools. MRCA's educational programming is centered at the Evan Frankel Discovery Center at the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park, the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom in Franklin Canyon, Temescal Gateway Park, the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, and the Sonia Thompson Nature Center in Towsley Canyon. Some of the specific programs are:

Recreational Transit Program (RTP)

RTP provides free or low-cost bus transportation to mountain parks and beaches. RTP provides a critical link to Conservancy and MRCA parks, open space and natural areas for thousands of people every year, many of whom have no other way to get there. In 2002-2003, over 40,000 people used the RTP.



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Lotte Melhorn Nature Wagon

The Lotte Melhorn Nature Wagon is a “nature center on wheels” that travels to parks and special events and functions as an outdoor classroom.

Junior Ranger Programs

The Junior Ranger Programs give participating youth the opportunity to learn outdoor skills, and to work closely with park rangers and naturalists who serve as mentors and educators. The Ranger Explorer program is a weekly career and service based program for teens and young adults that offers leadership training. As part of the curriculum, Explorers help administer large group events and emergencies.

After-School Programs

These programs respond to the challenges facing families in urban areas. These programs provide a safe environment and adult supervision, bolster academic achievement, deliver knowledge to prevent risky behavior, and support overall youth development. Horticulture, environmental science classes, and leadership training are only some of the programs offered.

Share and Care School Programs are environmental education programs for school groups. Lessons about natural history, cultural history, and science are tied to state content standards. Programs are held at park sites and can be tailored to meet the needs of each school.



Looking to the Future – Heart-of-the-Park Shuttle Demonstration Project

The Conservancy granted funds to the MRCA for a cooperative agreement with the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (SMMNRA) to develop and implement the National Park Service Heart-of-the-Park Shuttle Demonstration Project. Funding is for the first year of the demonstration project and the subsequent two years depending on available funding resources. The National Park Service is financing the capital improvement needed for 13 shuttle stops and the purchase of five mini buses. August 2004 is the anticipated start date for the program.

The Heart-of-the-Park Shuttle will provide a weekend service traveling in a bi-directional loop around the central part of the SMMNRA. It is the goal of the shuttle project to connect the diverse urban communities in the greater Los Angeles area with popular recreation sites by interfacing with regional transit systems operated by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

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Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park

Active programming at Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park is one of the most important reasons for the park's unqualified success. All programs are free. The wide variety of programs provides something for all. Programs include trips to other parks, after-school programs, and special events. The park's community room is both a classroom space and a meeting place for community-based organizations.

Saturday Bus Program

Every Saturday morning a bus takes families from the communities surrounding the park to explore a mountain, canyon, stream, or meadow. Accompanied by a staff naturalist, groups journey to parks in the Santa Monica Mountains to hike, picnic, learn, and have fun.



After-School Classes

After-school classes focus on art, science, gardening, music and other aspects of the natural world. Share and Care School Programs are curriculum-based environmental education programs that include thematic lessons about natural history and science, cultural history, botany, zoology and ecology.

Camping Programs

After learning basic camping skills, local youth travel to the mountains for three-day camping trips. This year's program culminated with a trip to Yosemite National Park. A monthly campfire features storytelling, sing-alongs, and programs led by Junior Rangers.



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PARK PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

The Los Angeles River Center and Gardens (River Center) is the focal point for the greening of the Los Angeles River, and revitalization of local neighborhoods. Several agencies and nonprofit organizations, as well as the MRCA Education and Interpretation Division are based at the River Center, which is located in the Cypress Park neighborhood near Downtown Los Angeles. The River Center's community room provides a popular meeting place for community organizations.

The River Center serves as center for educational activity. The Los Angeles River Visitor Center, located at the River Center, provides self-guided tours about the history and wildlife of the river. The River Garden Park, also located at the River Center, features an artistic interpretation of the Los Angeles River and is the site of many interpretation programs. The River Center has its own Junior Ranger Program, Saturday Bus Program and interpretive programs, as well as a camping program for local youth. Share and Care School Programs offer curriculum-based environmental education that include thematic lessons about natural history and science, cultural history, botany, zoology and ecology.



Temescal Gateway Park

One of the most frequently visited sites in the Santa Monica Mountains is the 141-acre Temescal Gateway Park in Pacific Palisades. Temescal Canyon contains a year-round stream and hosts over 10,000 visitors each year. The park contains the Temescal Canyon Conference and Retreat Center with cabins, dining hall, classrooms, an amphitheater and auditorium as well as trails leading to Topanga State Park.

Earth Adventure Camp

Earth Adventure Camp provides youth the chance to participate in a traditional overnight camp. The camp curriculum is specifically designed for youth who have little experience with the natural world, and offers environmental science and leadership activities. Earth Adventure Day Camp is fee-based and provides a unique educational experience for children at Temescal Gateway Park.

Temescal Canyon Field Science Program

This program is a three-day, two-night environmental education program funded by the Los Angeles Unified

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School District. Traditional outdoor education is combined with the California State Science Framework and immerses students in the natural world.



Franklin Canyon Park

Facilities at Franklin Canyon Park and the William O. Douglas Outdoor Classroom (WODOC) include the Sooky Goldman Nature Center, the Sam Goldman Amphitheater, the Michael and Eugene Rosenfeld Auditorium and the Ranch Area Amphitheater. WODOC was founded in 1980 with the purpose of connecting inner city youth with natural resources. WODOC's Volunteer Naturalist Program allows the public to learn the art of interpretation, lead hikes for school children, and host an array of thematic hikes for the general public. WODOC provides interpretive hikes for all ages and fitness levels throughout the year. Topics range from plants and animals to nearby filming sites. In over twenty years of operation, WODOC has served over 1.8 million people from the greater Los Angeles area and has provided tours of Franklin Canyon Park to school groups (K-12) from Los Angeles.

Sooky Goldman Nature Center

The Sooky Goldman Nature Center contains exhibits about wildlife, geology and history, an interactive water conservation display, and a gallery for local nature artwork.



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Santa Clarita Woodlands Park

The many beautiful canyons and trails of the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park offer wilderness recreational opportunities within a ten-minute drive from the San Fernando Valley. Santa Clarita Woodlands Park encompasses East Canyon, Rice Canyon, Towsley Canyon, and Pico Canyon.

Ed Davis Park in Towsley Canyon includes a ranger station, shady picnic areas, restroom facilities, trails, the Sonia Thompson Nature Center, and a lodge. Campfire programs, docent-led hikes and school programs are provided. In the historic oil town of Mentryville, located in Pico Canyon, docent-led walks lead visitors to the historic one-room schoolhouse, barn, and Superintendent's house.



Ramirez Canyon Park Public Outreach Programs

Two programs at Ramirez Canyon Park, the Senior and Public Outreach Program and the Children's Educational Program, reinforce the Conservancy's mission to provide all residents of Southern California with the chance to experience the wonders of nature. Ramirez Canyon Park is a wonderful retreat with accessible garden paths, picnic areas, a streamside trail and overlook. All of these features can be readily enjoyed by individuals with physical limitations. Both programs at Ramirez Canyon Park bring tremendous joy to their participants. Each program continues to evolve and grow, and is staffed by enthusiastic and committed employees and volunteers.

Visitors that have enjoyed an afternoon of peace in Ramirez Canyon Park include residents of numerous senior homes, the ministers from the Los Angeles Mission on Skid Row, veterans from the V.A. hospital in Westwood, at-risk youths from Compton, residents of various battered women's shelters, and young women from the Esperanza Housing Project. This year, the Senior Program began hosting groups of Alzheimer patients and their families. It is a rare treat for these families to be able to spend time with each other in the safe and serene environment found in Ramirez Canyon Park. With the help of eight volunteers, the Senior Program hosted over 200 visitors.

The primary goal of the Children's Educational Program is to give children and young adults with disabilities a high-quality, interactive educational experience in a fun and safe setting. The program's activities center on

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interactions with various animals. Program goals are to contribute toward positive self-esteem and improved communication and cooperation skills. The Children's Educational Program also provides instruction about the ecology of Ramirez Canyon Park and the Santa Monica Mountains.



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PROJECT PLANNING HIGHLIGHTS

Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is an active participant in Ventura County's Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan project. The Calleguas Creek watershed encompasses most of eastern Ventura County including Moorpark, most of Thousand Oaks and Camarillo, Simi Valley, part of the Oxnard Plain, and a small portion of the Santa Susana Mountains in Los Angeles County. Calleguas Creek and its major tributaries, the Arroyo Simi, Arroyo Conejo, and Arroyo Santa Rosa drain the watershed. The headwaters of this watershed start on a portion of Joughin Ranch (Conservancy/MRCA parkland), draining into Las Lajas Creek, and flow in the north-facing slopes of the Simi Hills. The watershed drains into the Pacific Ocean at Mugu Lagoon.

The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan (a Cooperative Strategy for Resource Management and Protection) has been in development by many stakeholders since 1996 to provide a regional and integrated management approach to watershed planning in this important watershed. The project addresses water quality and water supply, flood and sedimentation, agriculture, habitat and recreation, land use, and public outreach and education. The Conservancy is represented on the Steering Committee and on the Habitat and Recreation Subcommittee. The Plan has been funded by annual United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants and a State Coastal Conservancy grant, among other sources. Work Plans for Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) constituents of concern (salts, metals, historic pesticides, bacteria, and toxicity) were initiated this fiscal year, and are being prepared under the auspices of the Calleguas participants.



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Coastal Zone Offers to Dedicate

Offers to Dedicate public access, trail, or open space easements, or OTDs, are recorded legal documents that are required by the California Coastal Commission to mitigate for a permitted project's impact on public access or the environment. These easements are not enforceable until they are accepted by a government agency or a nonprofit organization. Typically, the term of the offer is 21 years from the date of recording. There are 1,432 recorded OTDs along the California coastline. Of those, 90 are located in the Santa Monica Mountains area. The Conservancy works in partnership with the MRCA and the Coastal Commission to ensure that the OTDs are accepted and their roles as usable accessways, protected open space, and viewsheds are integrated into the overall public park plan for the Santa Monica Mountains.



Tax Defaulted Lands Acquisition Program

In conjunction with the MRCA, the Conservancy considers hundreds of properties offered at public auction for tax delinquency. These properties are acquired through Chapter 8 agreements with the County Treasurer and Tax Collector. These tax defaulted properties are located throughout the Conservancy's jurisdiction from the Upper Santa Clara River Watershed to the far western Santa Monica Mountains. On average, these properties cost less than \$2,000 per acre and could otherwise be lost to development. In fiscal year 2002-2003 this program secured twenty-three properties comprised of 844.39 acres for a total cost of \$583,604.22. The acquisition funding came principally from Proposition 12 grants made by the Conservancy to the MRCA.



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Activities on the Arroyo Seco

The almost 47 square mile Arroyo Seco watershed ranges from the San Gabriel Mountains in the north, to the Los Angeles River in the south, lying partly within the Angeles National Forest and the communities of Altadena, La Cañada Flintridge, Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Los Angeles. The upper portion of the Arroyo Seco flows naturally down through Hahamongna Watershed Park. The lower portion is channelized, but courses through a long network of parks and open space.

The Conservancy has been working with community leaders to identify opportunities for stream and habitat restoration and open space protection throughout this unique watershed in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. Accomplishments in this watershed include Proposition 40 grants to the City of Pasadena for restoration of the Flint Wash Trail bridge, to the City of La Cañada Flintridge to acquire the Hall-Beckley property, and to the Altadena Foothills Conservancy to acquire a portion of the Chaney Trail Corridor abutting the Angeles National Forest. The Conservancy also commissioned a study of open space acquisition opportunities in Montecito Heights from the nonprofit organization People for Parks.



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Arroyo Seco Parkway Scenic Corridor Management Plan

The Arroyo Seco Parkway, also known as the 110 or Pasadena Freeway, was designated a National Scenic Byway in 2002. The Conservancy is working with the California Department of Transportation, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Highland Park Heritage Trust to identify ways to restore and improve the parkway and the surrounding corridor lands.



Resources Agency Summit on the Los Angeles River

The Conservancy and the Resources Agency convened a summit meeting at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens to provide technical assistance to Los Angeles City and County elected officials and administrators to identify and develop Los Angeles River greening and revitalization project proposals for State grant programs.

The result of the summit was the creation of a unified approach toward Los Angeles River projects from the many levels of government involved. Attendees included the State of California Wildlife Conservation Board, State Coastal Conservancy, California Department of Water Resources, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Local governments were represented by members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles City Council.



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Los Angeles River – Harvard University Design Studio

The Conservancy sponsored a semester-long studio at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design to promote innovative visions for the future of the Los Angeles River. About a dozen graduate students met with local leaders to learn about the river and to develop focused design alternatives for connecting the future state park at the Cornfields, the planned Confluence Park along the Los Angeles River at the Arroyo Seco, and the future state park at Taylor Yard. The students presented their final projects in Los Angeles in June 2003. The results of the student work will be compiled into a briefing book that will be distributed to decision-makers in the region.

Tujunga Wash Restoration

In the San Fernando Valley the Conservancy is partnering with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and the Valley Glen Community Council to create natural stream and recreational opportunities on the banks of the channelized Tujunga Wash. The project goal is to provide a demonstration of stream restoration opportunities in an urban area. The project plan is to divert water from the wash and transport it up and out of the wash to create a new mile-long meandering stream with native riparian habitat on the western bank, landscape the eastern bank with native plants, and construct a recreational bike trail and educational displays.



Compton Creek

The Conservancy is working with the Compton Creek Task Force and the City of Compton to identify restoration opportunities along Compton Creek in an area of Los Angeles that is largely devoid of park space. Planned improvements include native riparian landscaping, habitat restoration, and construction of an outdoor amphitheater. With the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, the MRCA will construct two miles of bike path that will connect the City of Compton's trails, which are currently isolated, with Los Angeles County's extensive trail system on the Los Angeles River.

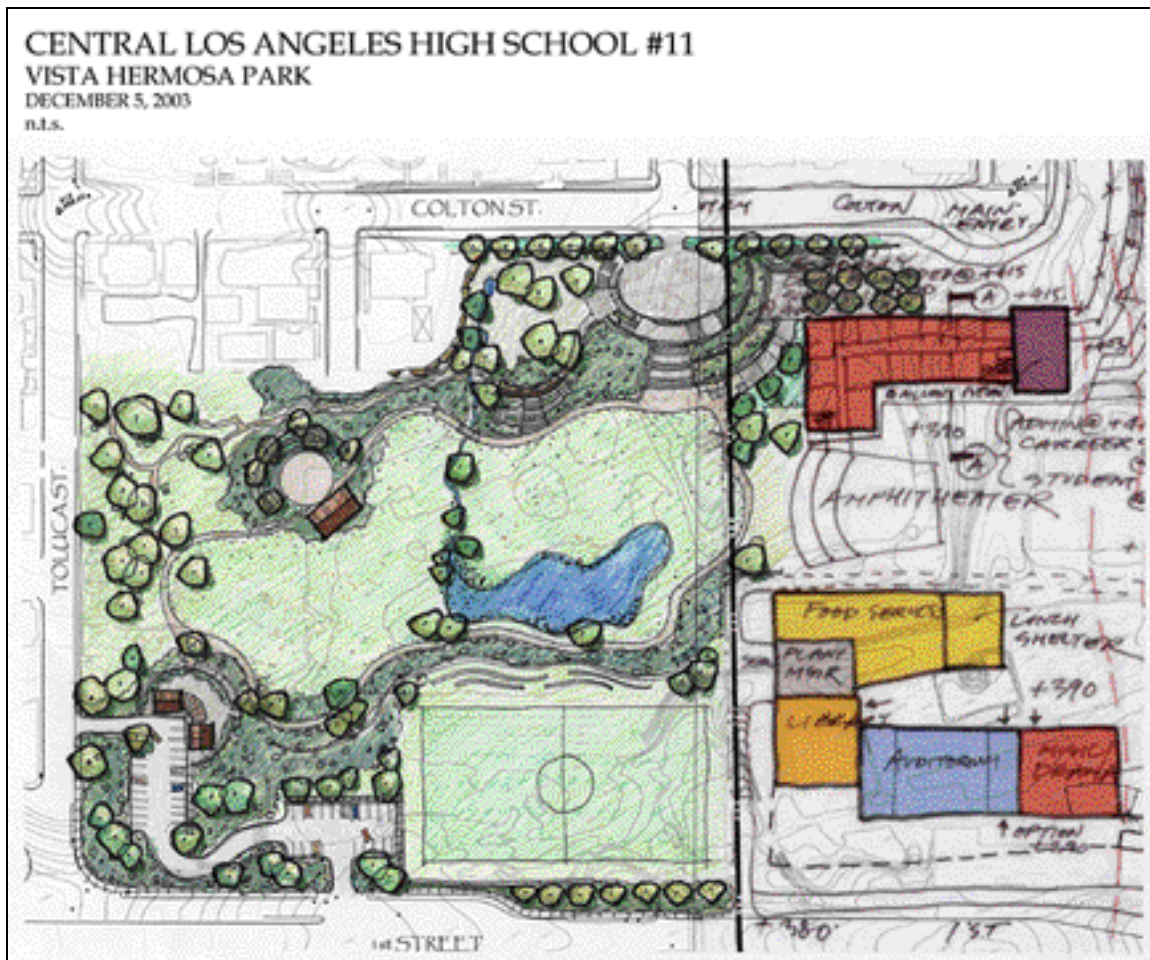
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Vista Hermosa Natural Park

In May of 2003, the Conservancy was approached by Los Angeles Unified School District Board President José Huizar and Los Angeles City Councilmember Ed Reyes to build on the Conservancy's success in its creation of the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park in South Los Angeles by developing a new natural urban park. The new park will be adjacent to a new high school on the site of the Belmont Learning Center in downtown Los Angeles. The LAUSD Board subsequently voted to work with the Conservancy to proceed with the project.

Providing a natural watershed experience in the center of the densely populated Temple/Beaudry Union District, the proposed 10 to 12-acre Vista Hermosa Park will feature trails, natural water features, chaparral, fishing ponds, soccer field, picnic areas, and an environmentally-themed children's play area. MRCA will fund, construct, operate, and maintain the park under a lease and joint use agreement with LAUSD. The park will be open for public use by the community. In addition, Central Los Angeles Area New High School #11 and other schools in the area will use the park for a variety of educational and interpretive programs.



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MITIGATION AND RESTORATION PROJECTS

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has been a responsible steward of the lands it has owned or operated for over twenty years. Part of the Conservancy's expertise includes land improvement and habitat enhancement. Currently the Conservancy participates in "In-Lieu Fee" programs with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), in which mitigation is required from third parties to offset impacts to riparian habitat. This In-Lieu Fee Riparian Restoration Program is administered by the MRCA. All projects are mutually agreed to, before commencement, by all parties.

Fees for mitigation projects range from \$85,000 to \$115,000 per acre, depending on the conditions of the required mitigation. The fees are spent to restore riparian areas on Conservancy or MRCA owned or controlled land, including removing debris and non-native plant materials, and planting native species such as oaks and walnuts and related understory. A portion of the mitigation fees may be used to acquire property appropriate for future riparian creation, enhancement, restoration and/or preservation, under circumstances where it is determined that "no net loss of habitat" will result. Prospective riparian properties in the Coastal Santa Monica Mountains have been identified for purchase with a portion of these funds.

Restoration Project Name/ Related Agencies	Tributary/Park Unit	Riparian Acres Restored	In-Lieu Fees
1. Burns Pacific Mitigation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Las Virgenes Creek Baldwin Open Space	0.25 (Completed)	\$25,000
2. Liberty Canyon California Dept. of Fish & Game	Las Virgenes Creek Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor	0.25 (Completed)	\$24,000
3. Mureau Estates California Dept. of Fish & Game	Las Virgenes Creek Baldwin Open Space	0.67	\$30,000
4. Richland Phase 1 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Las Virgenes Creek Baldwin Open Space	0.25 (Completed)	\$18,750
5. Richland Phase 2 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Las Virgenes Creek Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor	0.25	\$18,750
6. Richland Phase 3 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Las Virgenes Creek Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor	0.25	\$18,750
7. Richland Phase 4 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Las Virgenes Creek Liberty Canyon Wildlife Corridor	0.25	\$18,750
8. Richland Phase 5 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Coastal Santa Monica Mountains	2.5 100% land acquisition	\$250,000

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Restoration Project Name/ Related Agencies	Tributary/Park Unit	Riparian Acres Restored	In-Lieu Fees
9. Corral Canyon Mitigation California Dept. of Fish & Game	Corral Canyon Creek Corral Canyon Park	0.35	\$35,000
10. Southlands Church International California Dept. of Fish & Game	Topanga Creek Summit Valley Ed Edelman Park	2.10 50% land acquisition	\$178,500
11. CB Richard Ellis/Carpenter's Pension Trust/Catellus U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Caballero Creek Summit Valley Ed Edelman Park	0.37	\$37,000
12. Palo Verdes Estates California Dept. of Fish & Game	Corral Canyon Creek Corral Canyon Park	0.015	\$1,725
13. Golden Valley/Lauren Development California Dept. of Fish & Game U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Pico Creek Mentryville	0.132	\$13,200
14. Linda Kies (individual) California Dept. of Fish & Game U.S. Army Corps of Engineer	Summit Valley Ed Edelman Park Topanga Creek	0.07 75% land acquisition	\$5,950
15. Shea Homes California Dept. of Fish & Game	Malibu Creek	1.00 75% land acquisition	\$100,000

Liberty Canyon

The MRCA's most successful restoration projects to date lie within the Liberty Canyon inter-mountain range wildlife movement corridor. This corridor is the most critical land connection between the Simi Hills and the Santa Monica Mountains across the Ventura (101) Freeway. The sections of the corridor adjacent to the freeway are narrow and highly disturbed. The MRCA's restoration efforts have focused on maximizing forest and understory vegetation cover in the drainage courses that wind through this chokepoint for wildlife movement. Areas being restored include four separate quarter acre riparian habitats. Each project is designed to optimize the function of the wildlife corridor and to provide resources for resident species. In the first of these projects, hundreds of cubic yards of fill dirt were dredged from a deeply incised creek channel to create thousands of square feet of moist stream channel habitat. This project exceeded its five-year success requirements last year and has been accepted by the California Department of Fish and Game.

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Bosque del Rio Hondo

The MRCA is involved in two riparian restoration projects on small tributaries of the Rio Hondo located immediately south of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area. Both restoration sites directly benefit the MRCA-managed Bosque del Rio Hondo Natural Area and the wildlife that occupy this unique urban natural area. These two projects have turned a disturbed, weed-choked flood plain into established riparian woodland with native cottonwood, sycamore, oak, elderberry and walnut trees underlain by native roses, monkey flower and blackberry.



Summit Valley Edmund D. Edelman Park

Located in Topanga Canyon, Summit Valley Edmund D. Edelman Park totals 662 acres and contains the headwaters to Topanga Creek. The MRCA is involved in a riparian restoration of approximately 1.10 acres in the park. This project involves corrective grading, dredging thousands of cubic yards of debris that has been dumped at the edge of Topanga Creek, and uncovering an unnamed tributary to the creek that was buried during a landslide. The corrective grading will return the creek to a more natural configuration, allowing for increased recharge of groundwater to support native plants and wildlife. Once the earthwork is completed, restoration will include planting hundreds of native oaks, walnuts, willows, shrubs and ground cover. The restoration site is easily accessible to the public. Project plans include providing an opportunity for local residents to learn about habitat restoration and to participate in removing invasive plant species.



DONATION INFORMATION

Developer dedications and private land donations represent a significant part of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's acquisition program. The one-acre Chatsworth Peak-Grech donation and the 355-acre Castaic-Larwin donation are two examples of property donated to the Conservancy this year. The role of dedicated and gifted land is crucial to the Conservancy's success in expanding parklands and preserving the natural resources of California.

The Conservancy is authorized to accept cash and noncash charitable contributions pursuant to Section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Service Code, which provides for the deductibility of contributions to a state or any political subdivision of a state. The Conservancy is also authorized to accept any gifts, donations, or bequests from individuals, corporations, or organizations, or accept grants of funds from private or public agencies pursuant to Section 33211(a) of the Public Resources Code.



A joint powers entity is a public agency created pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code Section 6500 et seq). Two or more government agencies establish a new public entity authorized to exercise those powers jointly held. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is a member of seven joint powers entities that seek to preserve and create public parkland in Southern California. These entities are legally distinct government entities with their own governing boards. Central to the success of the seven joint powers entities is their ability to forge partnerships and complement the work of other organizations protecting open space and providing stewardship to a wide variety of public resources.

Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Of the seven joint powers entities, the most active is the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). As it was originally envisioned, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy was established by the Legislature to acquire land and transfer it to the National Park Service, Department of Parks and Recreation, or local government agencies. By the mid-1980s, these agencies were either unable or unwilling to assume new management responsibilities for land purchased by the Conservancy. Therefore, in 1985, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy created a joint powers authority with the Conejo Recreation and Park District. The Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District joined the MRCA in 1986. The MRCA works closely with the Conservancy to acquire parkland, participate in vital planning processes, and complete major park improvement projects. The MRCA is comprised of nine divisions: acquisition and legal services; administration and finance; natural resources and planning; operations and ranger services; construction, public affairs; education and interpretation; developed resources; and watershed planning.



JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

Acquisition and Legal Services Division

All legal and real estate services related to appraisals, purchase and sale contracts, leases, easements, donations, escrow and title matters are handled by this division. This division is also responsible for all legal advice on open meeting laws, CEQA compliance, bidding and contacting, and litigation.

Construction Division

The Construction Division oversees capital improvement projects. With a staff of twenty, this division completed six improvement projects this year. Highlights include a massive site clean-up and installation of a ranger residence in 442-acre Whitney Canyon in Santa Clarita, and the completion of the Richard Lillard Outdoor Classroom along the Los Angeles River in Studio City. Construction staff developed a trailhead and a mile-long connector trail at the Marge Feinberg Rim of the Valley Trailhead at Saddletree Ranch in Sylmar, built a two and a half mile trail in Corral Canyon in Malibu, and constructed a bicycle staging area with a restroom at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens. Projects in progress include a park in South Pasadena along the Arroyo Seco, and the renovation of the Superintendent's house and the schoolhouse in Mentryville.



Education and Interpretation Division

Overall agency functions for interpretation and environmental education are handled by this Division including all youth programs, school programs, public programs and interpretive programs. This division is also responsible for educational program development and implementation, community outreach, interpretive materials and publications, curriculum development and training.



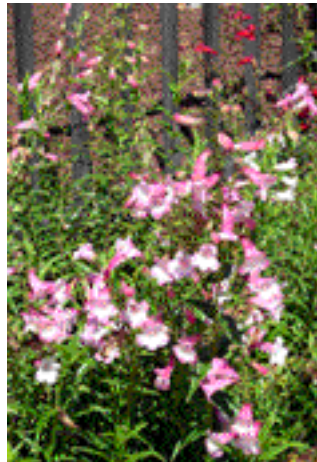
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Finance and Administration Division

The Finance and Administration Division is responsible for overseeing the fiscal activities of the Agency. These activities include accounts payables; accounts receivables; budget development and monitoring; financial analysis, as well as administration and human resources.

Natural Resources and Planning Division

The Natural Resources and Planning Division has the agency-wide responsibility to prioritize and negotiate land acquisitions, bring improvement projects to a construction-ready stage, monitor development projects, and prepare grant applications. This division is also responsible for providing resource management guidance, mapping, and the preparation of California Environmental Quality Act documents for improvement projects. Specialized groups within this division include design services, geographic information system mapping, habitat restoration, and biologists. In addition, the Division provides all technical and staff support for the various joint powers entities of which the Conservancy is a member.



Operations Division

The Operations Division is responsible for assuring that all agency and agency controlled parkland is well maintained and safe for public use. Law enforcement, fire protection, emergency medical aid, park maintenance, natural resource management, and interpretive programs are just a few of the duties performed by this Division. The Operations Division effectively manages these services upon thousands of acres of open space for the benefit of citizens throughout Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

In addition to managing MRCA parklands and facilities, the Operations Division provides a wide variety of contract services to several land management agencies, including the City of Los Angeles, the Puente Hills Landfill Native Habitat Preservation Authority, the State Coastal Conservancy, and the Eastern Ventura County Conservation Authority. The division provides these agencies with professional park and recreation resources that directly assist them in providing excellent service to park visitors. The Division also provides both personnel and equipment resources to outside park agencies and local governments when requested to do so during public safety emergencies such as wildfires.

JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

The responsibilities of the MRCA Operations Division are summarized on the following chart:

Project Name	Acres	Funding Source	Amount
Big Wild/Corbin Canyon	3,159	Proposition A	\$293,557
Young/Stoney Point	276	Proposition A	\$4,905
Wilson Canyon	242	Proposition A	\$10,914
Wilacre	128	Proposition A	\$28,357
Whittier Open Space Management Contract	1,800	NHPA Operational Funds	\$77,441
Urban Wild	794	Proposition A	\$247,730
Towsley Canyon	273	Proposition A	\$169,358
Top of Topanga	9	Proposition A	\$19,071
Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park	8	City of Los Angeles Prop. A & K Funds	\$363,518
Temescal Gateway Park	165	Proposition A & MRCA Operations Fund	\$470,836
Sage Ranch	635	MRCA Operations Fund	\$26,493
River/Elysian Valley	4	Proposition A	\$88,228
Ritter Ranch	4,234	MRCA Operations Fund	\$2,822
Red Rock Canyon	250	MRCA Operations Fund	\$21,417
Puente Hills Open Space Management Contract	1,300	NHPA Operational Funds	\$148,430
Studio City Outdoor Classroom	N/A	Proposition A	\$14,169
Tuna Canyon	1,255	Proposition A	\$8,000
Mulholland Security Contract	N/A	City of Los Angeles	\$135,000
Pico Canyon/Mentryville	810	Propositon A & MRCA Operations Fund	\$36,530
Sanitation District Open Space	N/A	Sanitation District Small Contract Fund	\$7,348
Liberty Canyon	311	Proposition A	\$9,782
Happy Camp	3,000	MRCA Operations Fund	\$7,414

JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

Project Name	Acres	Funding Source	Amount
Franklin Canyon Park	137	Propositon A & MRCA Operations Fund	\$100,000
Elyria Canyon	35	Proposition A	\$26,465
East Canyon	22	Proposition A	\$60,447
Deerlake Highlands/ Santa Susana	4,815	MRCA Operations Fund	\$151,251
Western Santa Monica Mountains Zone Patrol Operations	7,042	Proposition A	\$77,000
Bosque Del Rio Hondo	12	Proposition A	\$40,947
Whitney Canyon	442	MRCA Operations Fund	\$54,800
Malibu Beach Access	N/A	Coastal Conservancy Grant	\$374,299
Coastal Operations	1,052.26	Proposition A	\$93,554
Total Acres Managed:	33,145	Total Amount Funded:	\$2,699,247



JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

Public Affairs Division

The Public Affairs Division oversees external communications, interfaces with elected officials, conducts public outreach, and plans events for the Conservancy and MRCA. Functions include planning park dedications, press conferences and tours. The Division also produces all agency-wide publications and collateral materials, interpretive signage, and provides graphic design services.

This year, the Public Affairs Division helped with the formation of two Benefit Assessment Districts in the City of Los Angeles portion of the Santa Monica Mountains. Property owners east and west of the 405 Freeway were asked by mailed ballot whether to establish two separate assessment districts under the Municipal Improvement Act of 1913 and the Improvement Bond Act of 1915. A weighted majority of property owners in each District voted to assess themselves no more than \$40 per year over thirty years to fund the acquisition and preservation of nearby open space and parkland and to annually clear brush to reduce fire hazards in their acquisition area. The balloting procedures were conducted under the provisions of the Taxpayers Right to Vote on Taxes Act (Proposition 218) and its implementing legislation. The measures were approved by a weighted majority of 77.3% in District One (east of the 405 Freeway to Griffith Park) and 68.1% in District Two (west of the 405 Freeway to the Calabasas border). The Districts will provide for the preservation of thousands of acres of parkland in these local areas.



Watershed Division

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has worked to protect watersheds for over twenty years. Watersheds divide the landscape into hydrologically defined geographic areas and are effective indicators of environmental processes over spatial and temporal scales. The Conservancy Zone encompasses the major watersheds of the Santa Clara River, the Ventura River, Calleguas-Conejo Creeks, Malibu Creek, Topanga Creek, the smaller Santa Monica Bay Watersheds, and the Los Angeles River and San Gabriel River .

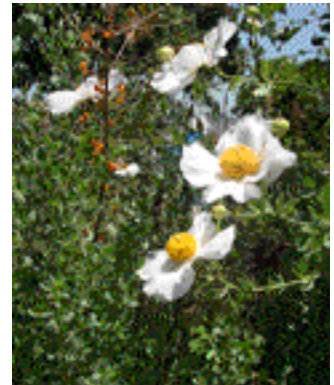
As watersheds have become the basic planning unit for identifying and allocating resources statewide, this year, MRCA formed the Watershed Division. The goals of the Watershed Division are to help lead watershed management and implementation; create projects with clear, measurable results that advance the science of watershed management; and, cultivate strong partnerships that capitalize on the core competencies of various non-governmental organizations, the Conservancy and MRCA.

JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

Developed Resources

The Developed Resources Division was created this year to oversee three of the Conservancy's most complex parks. These parks, Ramirez Canyon Park, Temescal Gateway Park and the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, have many similarities in that they have highly developed grounds, many and varied buildings, and heavy public use. The various facilities make each ideal for both educational outreach programs and private events. An important goal of this Division has been to streamline the rental process and to consolidate staff resources and expertise.

Each park in the Division has benefited from staff cooperation on the ground as well. Maintenance and grounds personnel from different parks have worked jointly on several projects. The former residential landscape of Ramirez Canyon is maintained with great care to stay full and abundant. New horticulturally-trained staff at the River Center have begun to make its highly specialized gardens thrive. The largest of the three, Temescal Gateway Park, has been undergoing many improvement projects including the construction of new buildings, the refurbishment of existing ones, the installation of interpretive kiosks, the planting of specialized gardens, and the maintenance of many trails.



JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

Mountains Conservation and Education Authority

The Mountains Conservation and Education Authority (MCEA) was created in 1986 as a partnership between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains. MCEA can serve as an additional instrument through which the Conservancy can apply for grant funding for educational programs.



Eastern Ventura County Conservation Authority

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the County of Ventura formed Eastern Ventura County Conservation Authority (EVCCA) in 1990 to facilitate the opening and operation of Happy Camp Canyon Regional Park. Happy Camp is a 3,000-acre wilderness area in the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor between Moorpark and Simi Valley in the Santa Susana Mountains. Under an agreement with EVCCA, the MRCA provides ranger services and volunteer trail assistance for the park.

Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority

Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority (SCWRCA) was established in 1993 by the City of Santa Clarita and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to cooperatively plan for preservation of open space, trails, parkland, and watershed protection in the Santa Clarita area and the upper Santa Clara River Watershed. In June 2002, SCWRCA acquired its first park in Whitney Canyon in cooperation with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Grants from the Conservancy, the City of Santa Clarita, and the Resources Agency of California funded the purchase. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority under a cooperative agreement with SCWRCA made site improvements to Whitney Canyon Park in fiscal year 2002-2003, and Whitney Canyon Park was dedicated in November 2002.

JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

Whittier-Puente Hills Conservation Authority

The Whittier/Puente Hills Conservation Authority (WPHCA) is a public entity, established to provide for the acquisition and conservation of park and open space lands within the Whittier Hills. WPHCA's Governing Board consists of two representatives from the City of Whittier, two representatives from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and one public member. Funding for WPHCA projects and acquisitions comes from the County of Los Angeles Safe Neighborhood Parks Act (Proposition A) of 1992 and 1996.



Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority

The Wildlife Corridor Conservation Authority (WCCA) was established to provide for the proper planning, conservation, environmental protection, and maintenance of lands within the Puente-Chino Hills corridor area. Its goal is to assure that sufficient continuity of habitat can be preserved to maintain a functioning wildlife corridor made up of about 40,000 acres of land. WCCA's Governing Board consists of representatives from the cities of Brea, Whittier, Diamond Bar, La Habra Heights, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Los Angeles County, two public members, and the California Department of Fish and Game (ex-officio member).

The ecosystem which supports wildlife within the corridor of the Puente-Chino Hills area encompasses portions of four counties. Preserving land in the corridor has been a cooperative endeavor with other public agencies and many nonprofit organizations. WCCA consistently provides comments on development proposals and other projects to support environmentally sensitive activities in the corridor. In addition, members of WCCA participate continually in advisory committees for local planning efforts.

JOINT POWERS PARTNERS

Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy joined the County of Los Angeles to form the Baldwin Hills Regional Conservation Authority (BHRCA). The mission of BHRCA is to acquire, expand, and improve open space within the Baldwin Hills and Ballona Creek, and other natural and recreational areas in the Second Supervisorial District of Los Angeles County.

This year, BHRCA proceeded with the implementation of the Ballona Creek Trail and Bike Path Improvement Project. The Ballona Creek Bike Path extends approximately eight miles through the cities of Los Angeles and Culver City, and connects with the Beach Bike Path. The project is part of a larger effort to improve the area surrounding Ballona Creek and its adjacent wetlands, and make connections between Ballona Creek and the Baldwin Hills.



The Budget Act requires the Conservancy to make three certifications before encumbering state appropriated funds for the purchase or acquisition of real property that requires the payment of interest costs, late fees or penalties. These certifications are needed whether or not the encumbrance is direct or through a public agency intermediary, including the State Public Works Board.

The certifications are:

1. That the purchase is necessary to implement an acquisition identified in the high priority category of the work program submitted annually to the Legislature pursuant to Section 33208 of the Public Resources Code, or amendments made thereto; and
2. That the purchase agreement does not involve interest payments or terms in excess of those that the State Public Works Board may enter into pursuant to Section 15854.I of the Government Code; and
3. That the purchase agreement does not commit the state to future appropriations.

The budget language also includes a reporting requirement should the Conservancy choose to encumber funds as described above. The language requires the Conservancy to report to the Legislature no less frequently than twice yearly, concerning the status of any purchases certified and the amount of state funds thus far encumbered for interest, penalties, or other principal surcharges.

During fiscal year 2002-2003, the Conservancy did not encumber any state appropriated funds for the purchase or acquisition of real property directly or through any public agency intermediary that requires the payment of interest costs, or late fees or penalties.

WORKPROGRAM PRIORITIES

Since the Conservancy adopted its Land Acquisition Workprogram and its Improvement and Development Project Workprogram in 2000 and 2001, respectively, the evaluation criteria for both documents have been emulated and lauded within the State Resources Agency. These criteria demonstrate a viable means of quantifying a diverse set of project attributes to produce a priority ranking list. This list has served the Conservancy well in its allocation of bond funds. Of the top 25 ranked acquisition projects, the Conservancy, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and other agencies have acquired 16 of them, bringing more than 9,000 acres into public ownership.

Workprogram projects are grouped in the following planning areas that are depicted on the following maps. These maps provide the name and location of every project on the Acquisition Workprogram.

Workprogram projects are grouped by planning area:

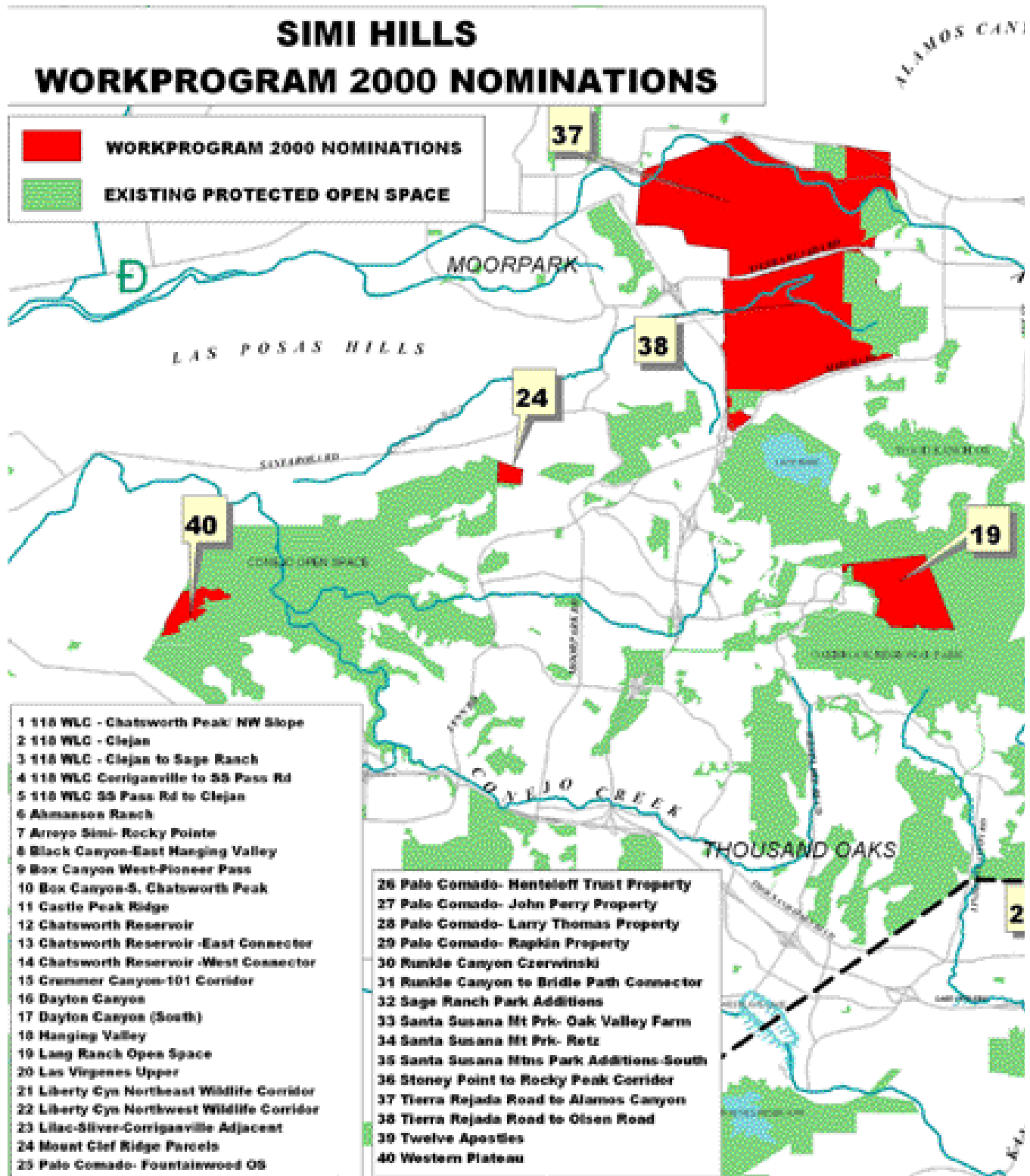
- Urban/River
- Simi Hills
- Western Rim of the Valley – WROV
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- Western Santa Monica Mountains – WSMM
- Eastern Santa Monica Mountains – ESMM

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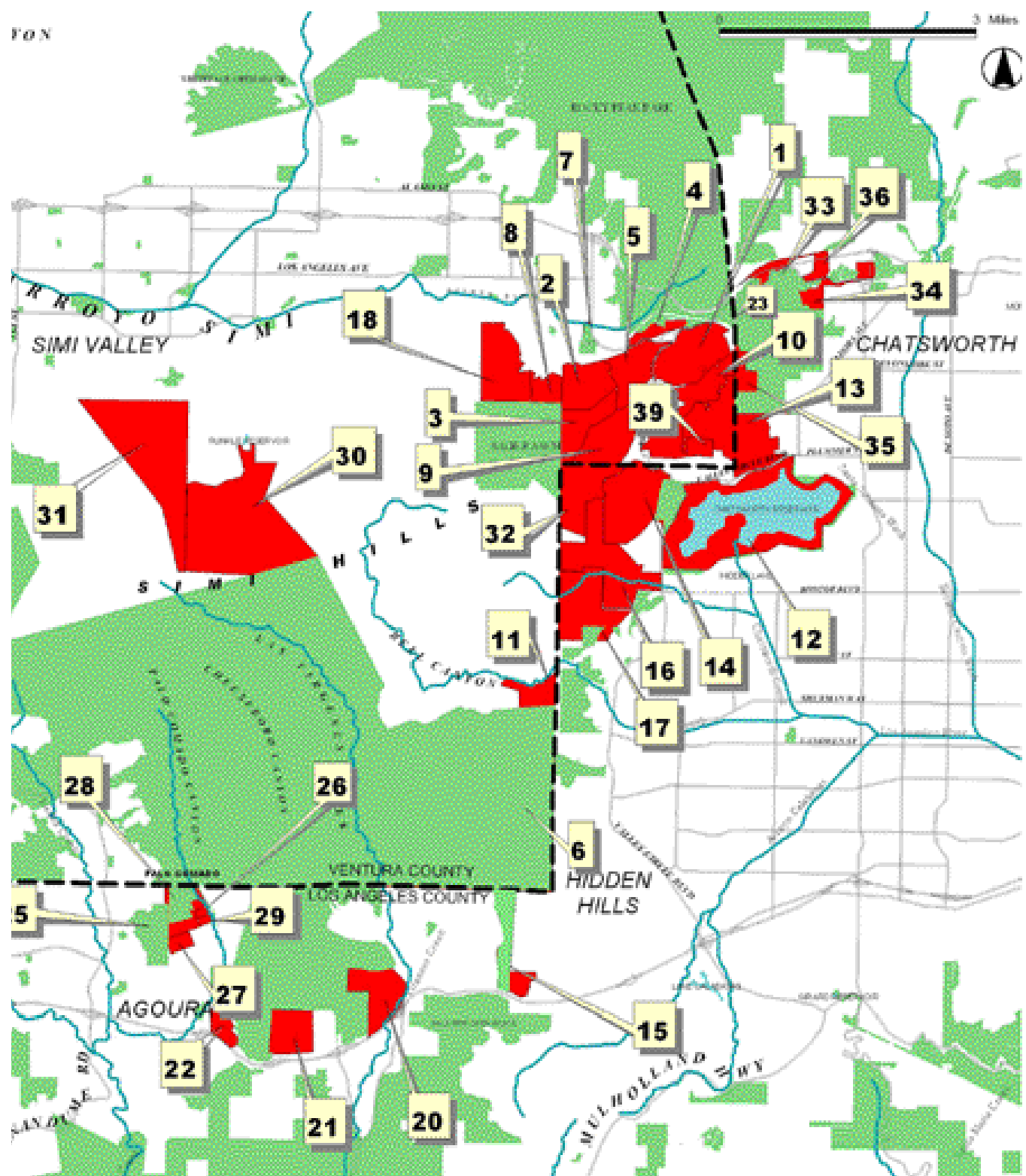




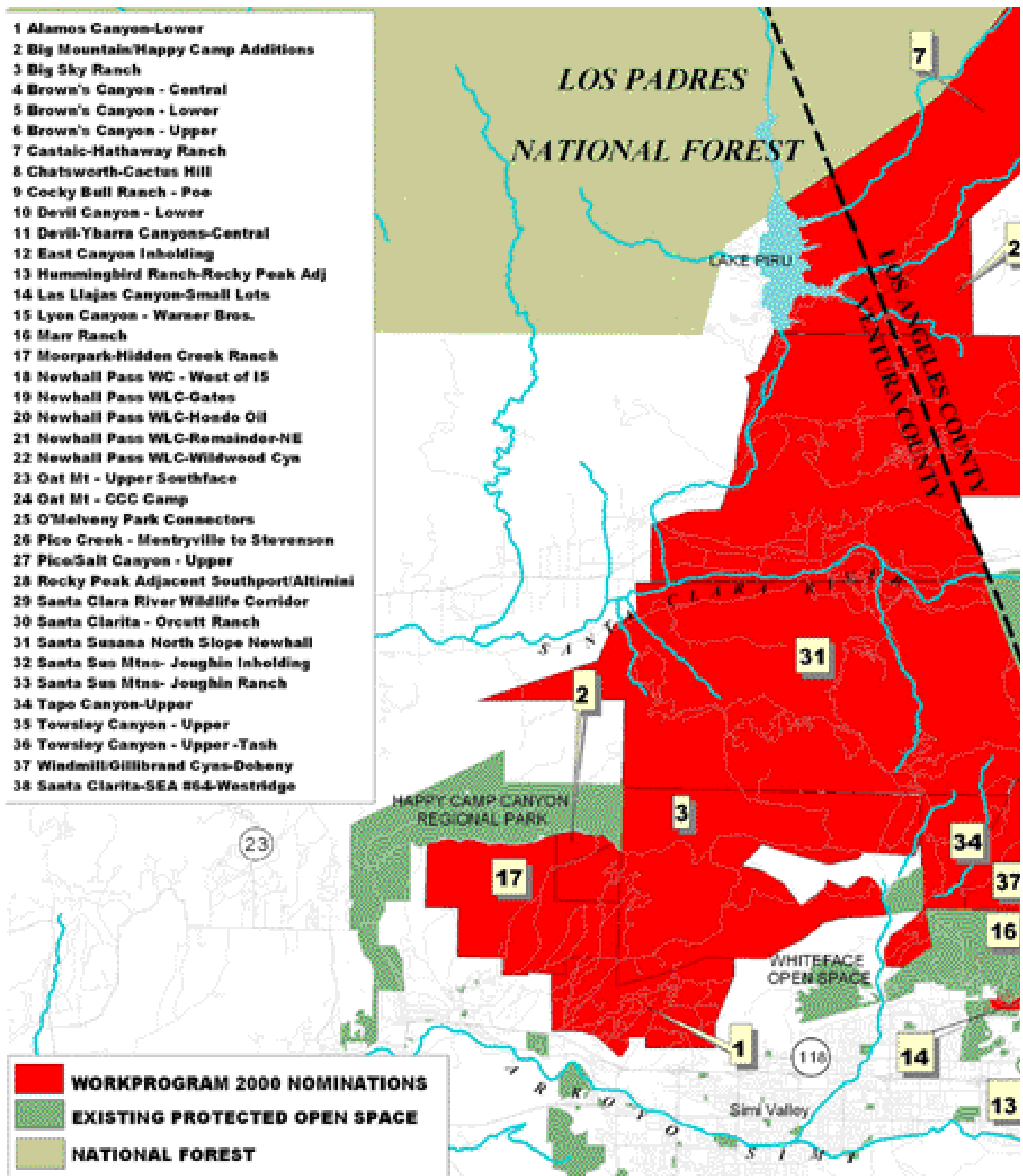
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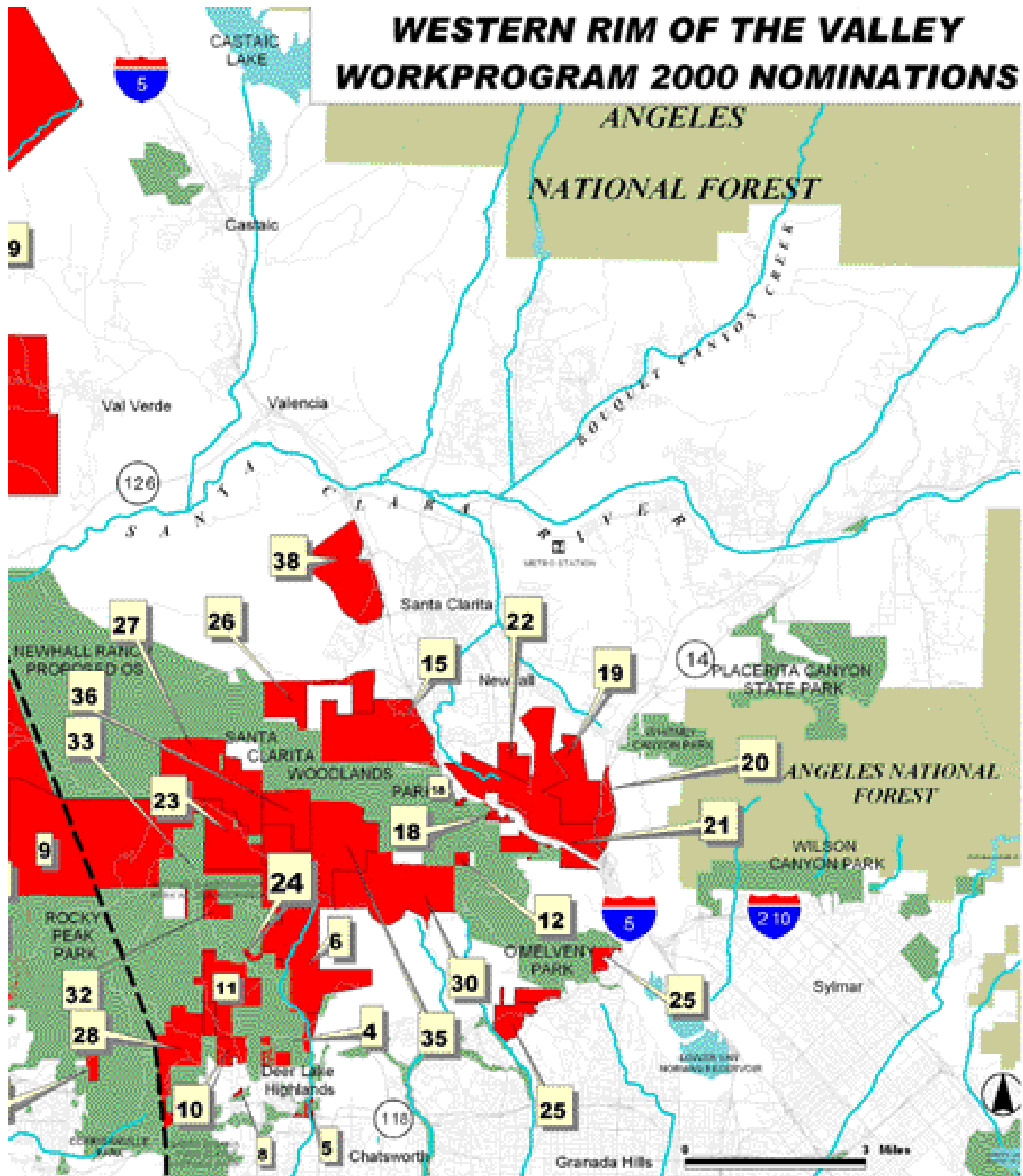
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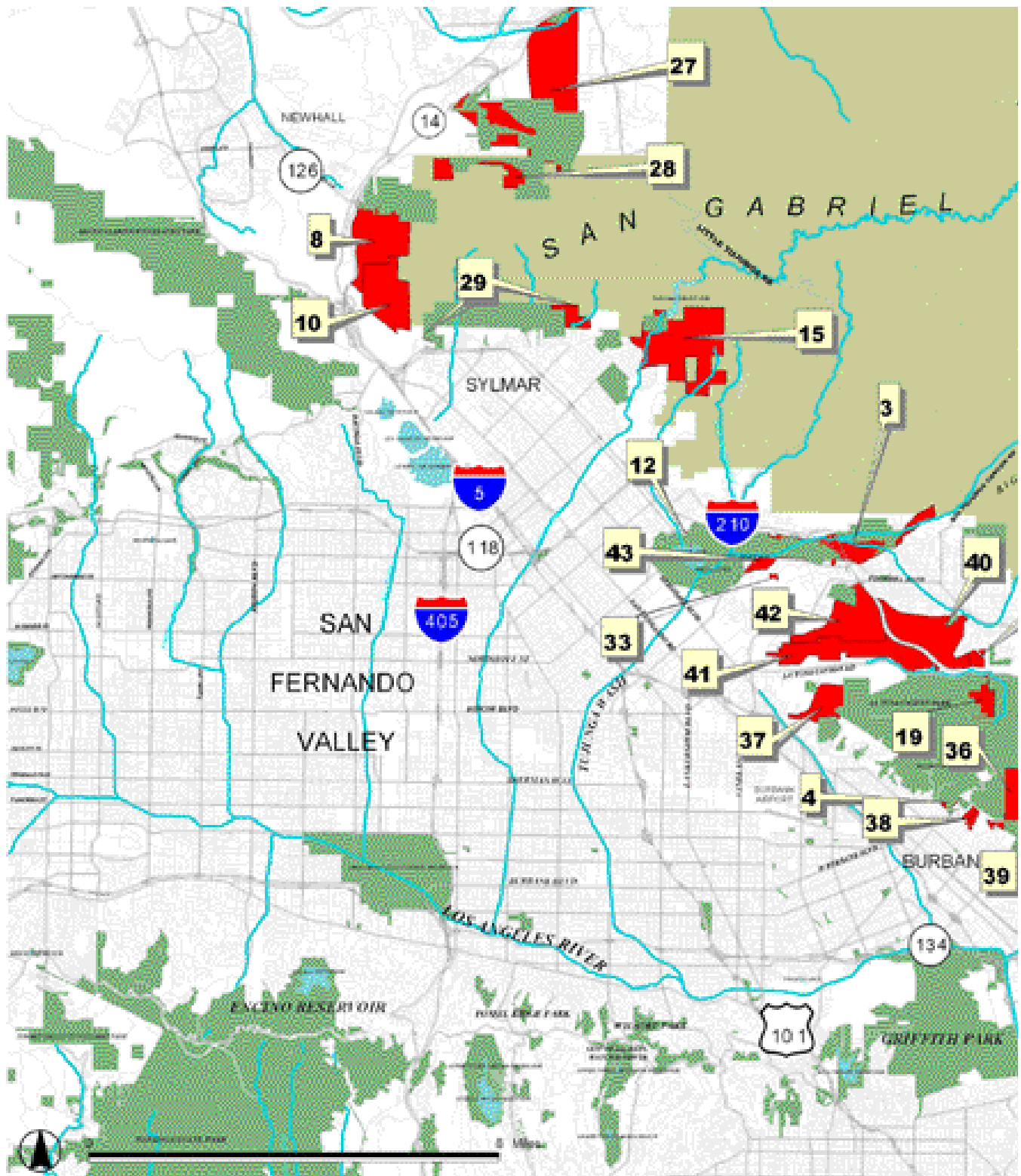
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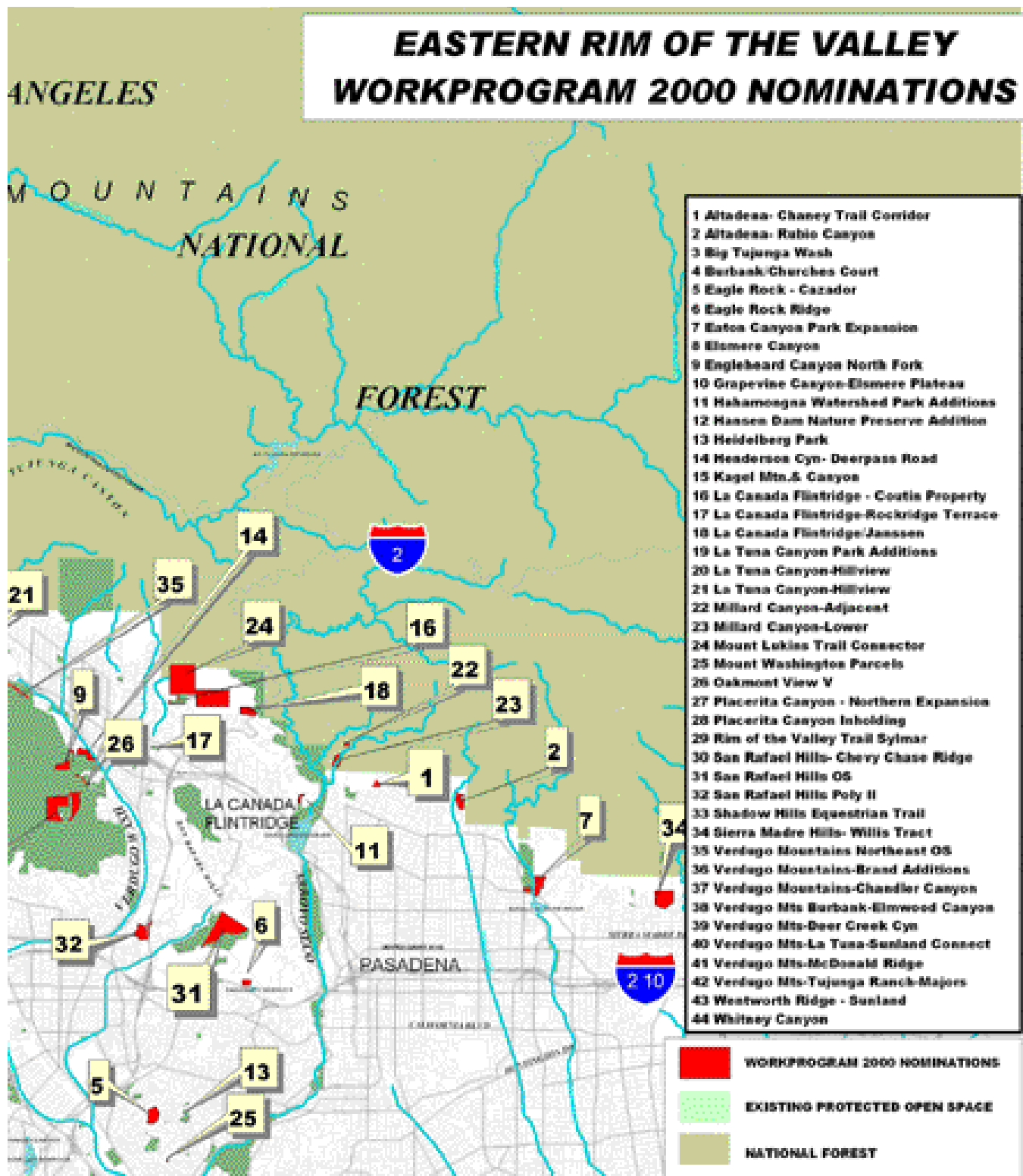
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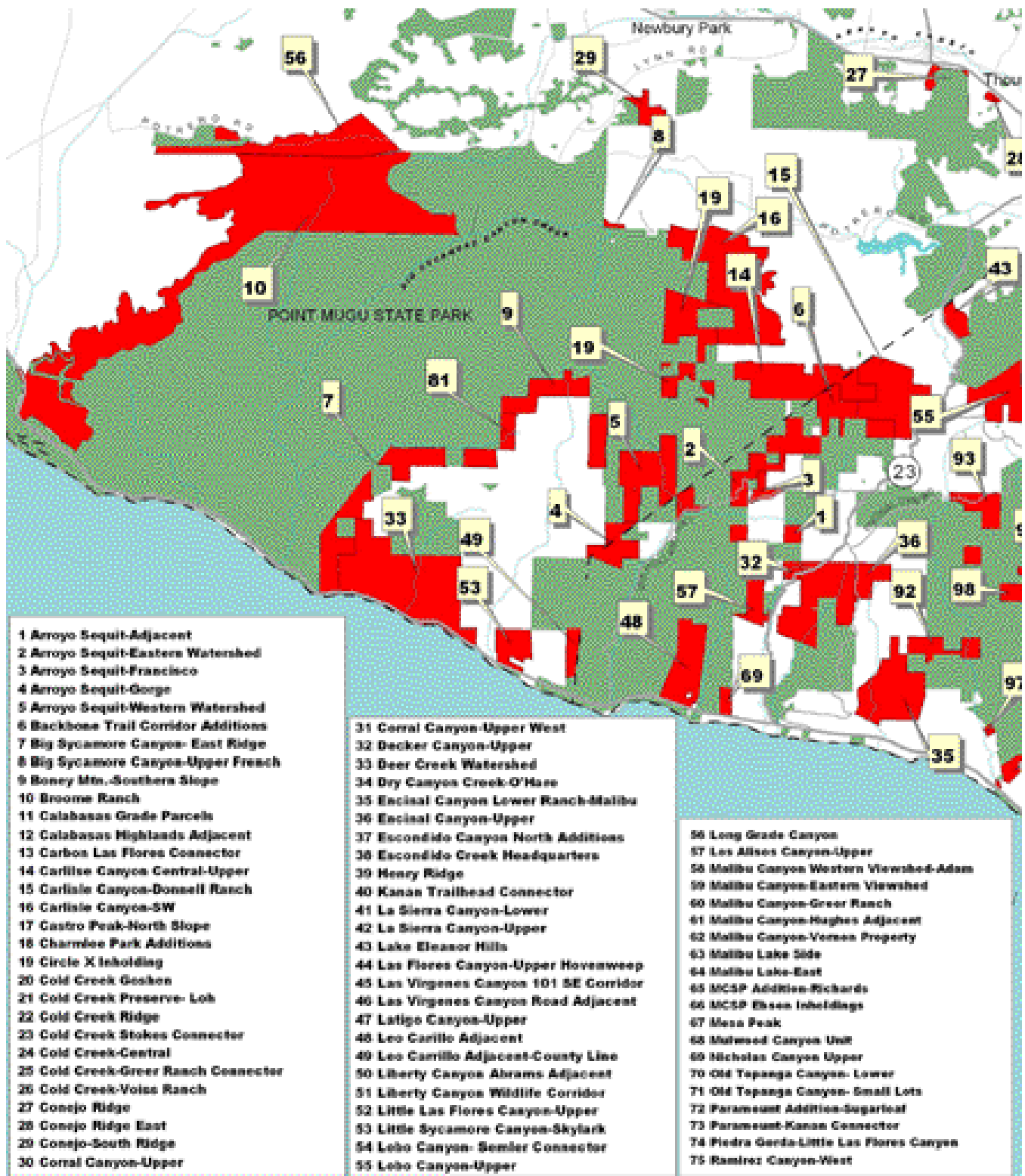
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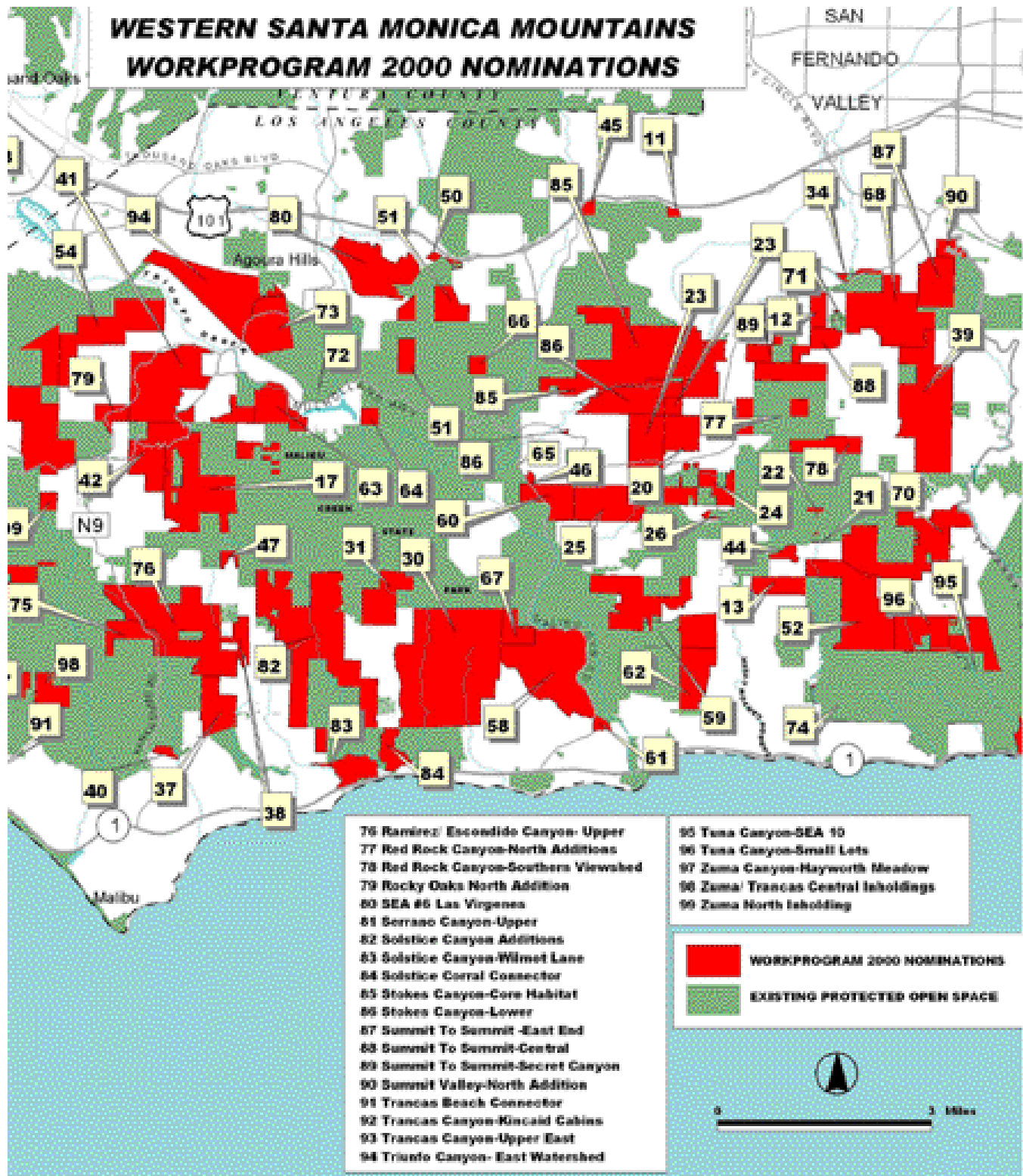
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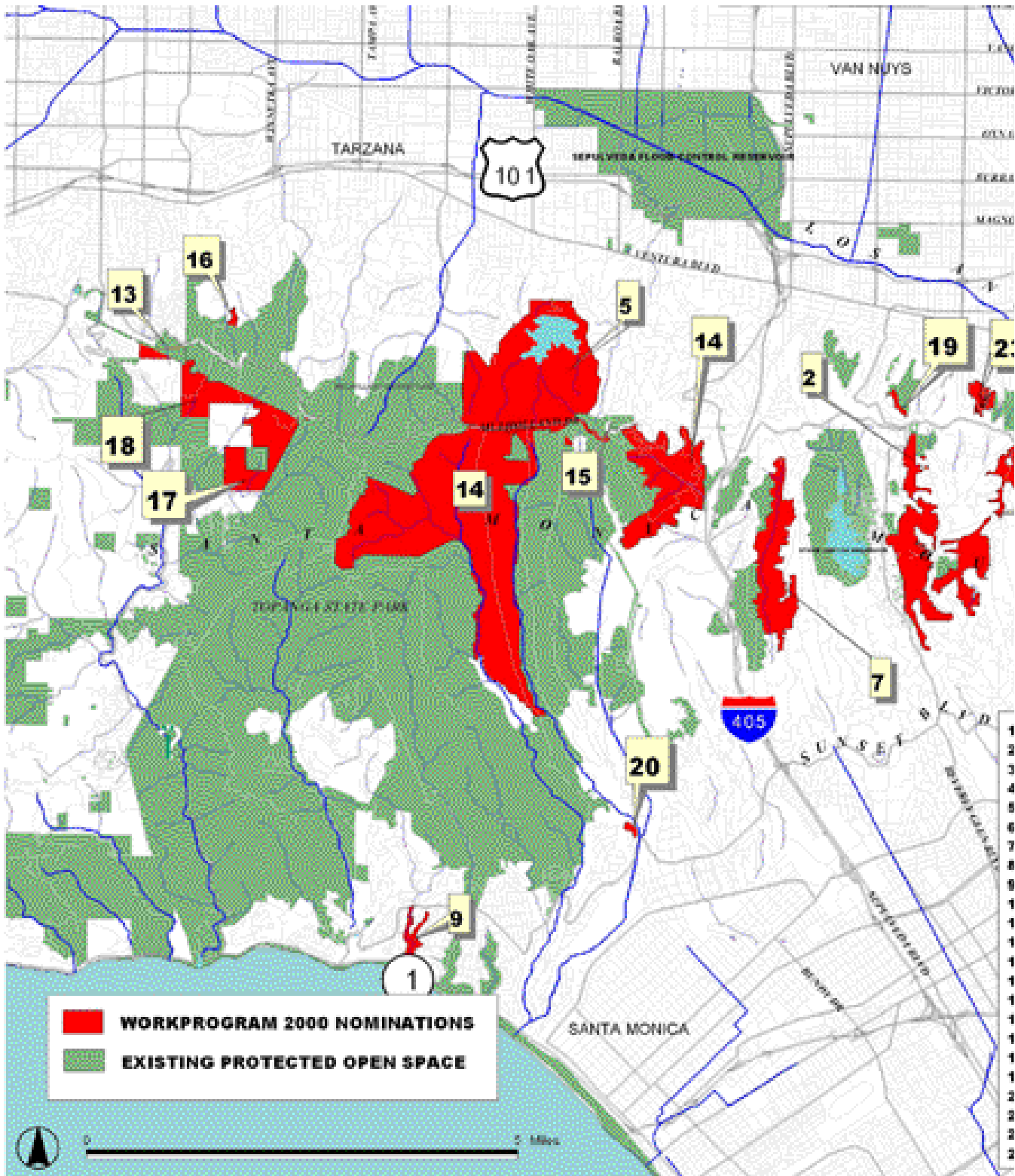
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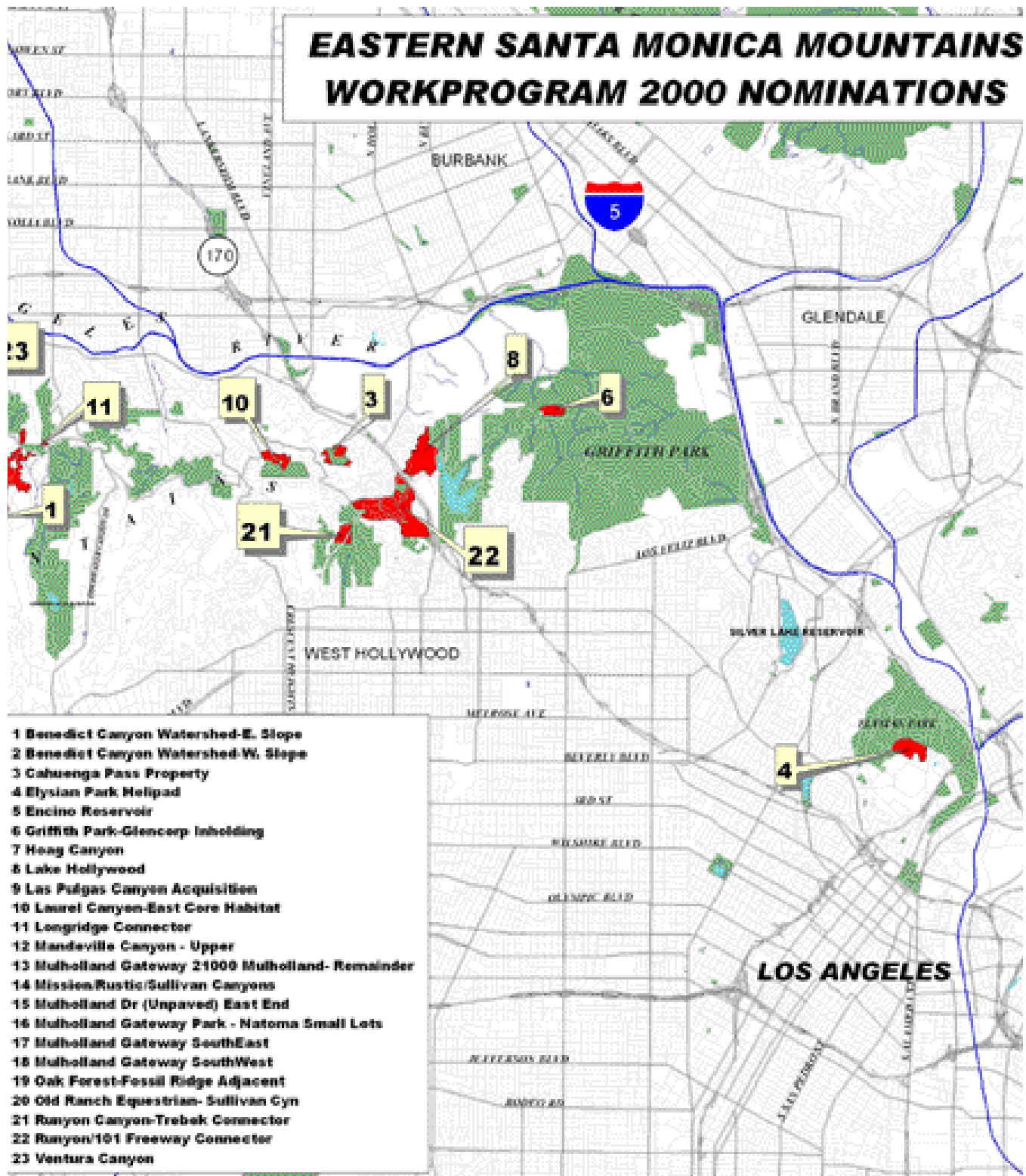
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GOVERNMENT ACTIONS REVIEW

Plan Approval

The Secretary of the Interior approved the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan on November 10, 1979, thereby making the Conservancy and local governments within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone eligible for the authorized five-year, \$30 million federal grant program provided for in Section 507(n) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978. The grant eligibility period ended in 1985 without the Department of the Interior awarding any grants. While no grants were awarded, Section 507 provided an alternative method of transferring Federal money to state and local governments by authorizing reimbursements for land purchased after establishment of the recreation area. This cooperative funding mechanism has resulted in over \$34 million being spent for high priority acquisitions in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

Federal

To date, approximately \$141 million in federal land acquisition funding has been approved. In fiscal year 1999, Congress appropriated \$2 million for acquisitions within the SMMNRA for purchase of property along the Backbone Trail. However, this appropriation contained a 100% non-federal matching requirement. Also, in fiscal year 1999, Congress passed the Transportation Efficiency Act for the Twenty-first Century (T-21), which contained \$5.5 million of funding for trails acquisition within the SMMNRA, and \$500,000 for trail construction. In federal fiscal year 2000, Congress appropriated an additional \$2 million containing this same matching requirement. In federal fiscal years 2001-2002, just \$1 million dollars each year was appropriated, but without a local match requirement. National Park Service expended approximately \$250,000 last year for continued construction of the Backbone Trail.

Bonded Indebtedness

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act requires a “listing” of the amount of money necessary to retire bonded indebtedness already incurred which would contribute to further development in the mountains inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The origin of this requirement is Section 507(n) of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 which permits the Secretary of the Interior to grant federal funds to retire indebtedness found to contribute to inappropriate development.

To date, no municipal water or utility district has indicated any willingness to apply for such a “buy out” grant. Nor is it apparent that bonded indebtedness *per se* is acting as an inducement for more development. During administrative consideration of the 1980-1981 Governor’s budget, the Conservancy proposed undertaking a study of the need for utility “buy out” grants. That budget proposal was not approved and no study has been conducted.

LOCAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE

When the Santa Mountains Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the State Legislature in 1979, it set a new standard for land protection policies and guidelines in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone. A report on the local government signatories to the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan is made annually, with respect to those local agencies' actions to implement the Plan.

In recognition of the Plan's importance and value, both the City and County of Los Angeles, the City of Thousand Oaks, and the County of Ventura adopted resolutions that year containing commitments to implement the Plan. The past year compliance of each of these jurisdictions is addressed below.

City of Thousand Oaks

The City of Thousand Oaks' strong record of adherence to the Comprehensive Plan continued throughout fiscal year 2002-2003. The City continues to maximize its acquisition of open space and to minimize the footprint of development projects. The Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency, the joint powers agency formed by the City and the Conejo Recreation and Park District, also continues to manage thousands of acres of open space in a manner consistent with the Plan.

County of Los Angeles

Over the last fiscal year, Los Angeles County's level of compliance with the Comprehensive Plan has been exceptional. The Regional Planning staff increasingly understands and anticipates the planning principles represented in the Plan. The greater role of the County's biologists in the Impact Analysis Section of Regional Planning is one of the main factors for this increased awareness and level of response in environmental impact analyses. The overly visible siting and design characteristics of many new larger single family homes is a problem neither addressed by the Plan or by the relevant elements of the County General Plan.



LOCAL AGENCY COMPLIANCE

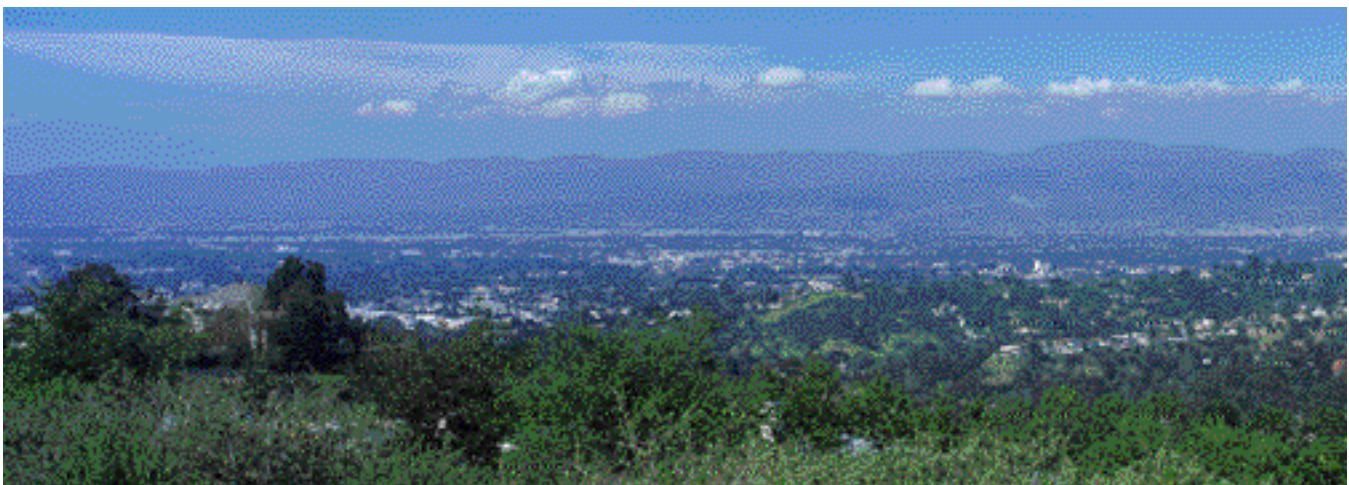
County of Ventura

Regulatory actions regarding land use within unincorporated Ventura County are generally consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and with the resolution adopted by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in 1979. Prior years' concerns have lessened somewhat regarding incremental single family residential development in the upper reaches of the Little Sycamore Canyon watershed, adjacent to Point Mugu State Park, since the pace of land divisions has been reduced. However, this regionally significant watershed is still an area of concern. The County's project review must better address cumulative visual impacts and overdraft of groundwater supply.



City of Los Angeles

City of Los Angeles compliance with the Comprehensive Plan has been exemplary with the notable exception of projects located within the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan area. The Plan provides for maximizing the protection of scenic resources within the Mulholland Scenic Corridor. An ongoing issue of concern is implementation of the Specific Plan and carrying forward the recommendations of the Mulholland Scenic Parkway Design Review Board.



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Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund Condition Report

Fund Balance Forward as of July 1, 2002	\$475,844
New Revenue for year 2002-2003	\$92,992
Expenditures for year 2002-2003	\$354,000
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2003	\$214,836



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Summary Statement of Capital Outlay Fund Condition through June 30, 2003

Revenue Source	Original Appropriation	Appropriation after Sec. 28, Budget Revision, or Executive Order	Encumbered through 6/30/2003	Funds not Encumbered
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Fund	6,700,000	6,700,000	6,920,419 *	0
Energy and Resources Fund	5,092,000	5,092,000	5,090,151	1,849 **
Parklands Acquisition and Development Program of 1980	4,000,000	4,000,000	3,987,431	12,569 **
California Parks and Facilities Act of 1984	9,985,000	10,000,000	9,998,400	1,600 **
Special Account for Capital Outlay	14,875,000	14,846,100	14,844,750	1,350 **
California Wildlife, Coastal, and Parkland Conservation Fund of 1988	30,000,000	30,000,000	30,000,000	0
Habitat Conservation Fund	50,000,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	0
Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Act of 1992 & 1996	65,750,000	65,750,000	65,750,000	0
Safe, Clean, Reliable Water Supply Act of 1996	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
General Fund 1999	15,000,000	15,000,000	15,000,000	0
General Fund 2000	250,000	250,000	250,000	0
Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund - Proposition 12	24,676,000	24,676,000	24,676,000	0
Safe Drinking Water, Clean Water, Watershed Protection and Flood Protection Act of 2000 - Proposition 13	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
Transportation Equity Act	256,000	256,000	256,000	0
TOTAL	236,584,000	236,570,100	236,773,151 *	17,368 **

* Amount encumbered exceeds appropriation due to a fund abatement from the Lake Sherwood project.

** Funds reverted. No longer available for encumbrance.

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Revenue Source	Original Appropriation	Appropriation after Sec. 28, Budget Revision, or Executive Order	Encumbered through 6/30/2003	Funds not Encumbered
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY FUND				
Item 535, Ch. 510/80	1,000,000	1,000,000	997,489	2,511 ¹
A. Grants & Acquisitions	150,000	853,500	852,664	836
B. Buffer Zone Projects	150,000	11,500	9,825	1,675
C. Excess & Tax Deeded Properties	700,000	135,000	135,000	0
Item 3810-301-941, Ch. 324/83	5,000,000	N/A	5,330,930	557,553 ²
A. Project Planning & Design	100,000	N/A	100,000	0
B. Capital Outlay & Grants	4,900,000	N/A	5,230,930 ³	557,553
Item 3810-301-941, Ch. 258/84	700,000	N/A	592,000	108,000 ⁴
A. Capital Outlay & Grants	700,000	N/A	592,000	108,000
ENERGY AND RESOURCES FUND				
Item 3810-301-190, Ch. 326/82	5,092,000	N/A	5,090,151	1,849 ⁵
A. Project Planning	242,000	N/A	240,151	1,849
B. Revolving Fund Land Acquisition Purchases	4,850,000	N/A	4,850,000	0
PARKLANDS BOND ACT OF 1980				
Item 381-301-721, Ch. 99/81	4,000,000	4,000,000	3,987,431	12,569 ⁵
A. Project Planning	313,965	313,965	313,965	0
B. Opportunity Purchases	939,210	1,125,000	1,125,000	0
C. Buffer Zone Projects	79,937	0	0	0
D. Acquisition of Park & Open Space	1,741,483	2,089,772	2,089,772	0
E. Small Lot Subdivision	925,405	471,263	458,694	12,569
PARKLANDS BOND ACT OF 1984				
Item 3810-301-722(e), Ch. 258/84	2,285,000	2,300,000	2,300,000	0
A. Project Planning	0	15,000	15,000	0
B. Deer Creek Ranch	2,285,000	2,285,000	2,285,000	0
Item 3810-302-722, Ch. 1588/84	750,000	N/A	750,000	0
Item 3810-301-722, Ch. 111/85	6,950,000	N/A	6,948,400	1,600 ⁵
A. Project Planning & Design	200,000	N/A	198,400	1,600
B. Capital Outlay & Grants	6,750,000	N/A	6,750,000	0
SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Item 3810-301-036, Ch. 258/84	5,000,000	5,000,000	5,000,000	0
A. Arroyo Sequit Ranch	1,650,000	1,704,800	1,704,800	0
B. Lower Solstice Canyon °	2,700,000	2,700,000	2,700,000	0
C. Capital Outlay & Grants	550,000	495,200	495,200	0
D. Project Planning & Design	100,000	100,000	100,000	0

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SPECIAL ACCOUNT FOR CAPITAL OUTLAY (continued)				
Item 3810-301-036, Ch. 111/85	2,475,000	N/A	2,475,000	0
A. Appraisal, Project Planning & Design	25,000	N/A	25,000	0
B. Cherry Canyon - Acquisition	1,200,000	N/A	1,200,000	0
C. La Tuna Canyon - Acquisition	1,250,000	N/A	1,250,000	0
Item 3810-302-036, Ch. 1048/85	3,000,000	N/A	3,000,000	0
A. Appraisal, Project Planning & Design	15,000	N/A	15,000	0
B. Lower Zuma Canyon - Acquisition	2,985,000	N/A	2,985,000	0
Item 3810-303-036, Ch. 1300/85	3,000,000	2,971,100	2,969,750	1,350⁵
A. Project Planning & Design	25,000	25,000	23,650	1,350
B. Corriganville '	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
C. Wildwood / Craig Canyons	2,975,000	1,546,100	1,546,100	0
D. Rim of the Valley	0	400,000	400,000	0
Item 3810-302-036, Ch. 135/87	1,400,000	N/A	1,400,000	0
A. Solstice Canyon	1,400,000	N/A	1,400,000	0
ENVIRONMENTAL LICENSE PLATE FUND				
Item 3810-301-140, Ch. 135/86	347,000	N/A	347,000	0
A. Appraisals, Project Planning & Design	10,000	N/A	10,000	0
B. Cherry Canyon Phase II	337,000	N/A	337,000	0
CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE, COASTAL, AND PARKLAND CONSERVATION FUND OF 1988				
Item 3810-301-786, Ch. 313/88	30,000,000	0	30,000,000	0
A. Capital Outlay and Grants	24,700,000	N/A	24,700,000	0
B. NP Grants	5,000,000	N/A	5,000,000	0
C. Project Planning & Design	300,000	N/A	300,000	0
HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND				
Item 3810-301-262, Ch. 467/90	10,000,000	N/A	10,000,000	0
Item 3810-301-262, Ch. 118/91	10,000,000	N/A	10,000,000	0
Item 3810-301-262, Ch. 587/92	10,000,000	N/A	10,000,000	0
Item 3810-301-262, Ch. 55/93	10,000,000	N/A	10,000,000	0
Item 3810-301-262, Ch. 139/94	10,000,000	N/A	10,000,000	0
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ACT OF 1992				
8(C)(1)(2)(3)	40,000,000	N/A	40,000,000	0
8(a)(3)(A), 8(a)(3)(C), 8(a)(3)(D)	3,000,000	N/A	3,000,000	0
LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS ACT OF 1996				
3(d)	22,750,000	N/A	22,750,000	0

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SAFE, CLEAN, RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY ACT OF 1996				
Item 3810-301-0545, Ch. 282/97	5,000,000	N/A	5,000,000	0
GENERAL FUND				
Item 3810-301-0001, Ch. 50/99	15,000,000	N/A	15,000,000	0
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Item 3810-301-0001	250,000	N/A	250,000	0
SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND FUND - PROPOSITION 12				
Item 3810-301-0005	17,500,000	N/A	17,500,000	0
A. Capital Outlay and Grants	17,500,000	N/A	17,500,000	0
Item 3810-302-0005	1,500,000	N/A	1,500,000	0
A. Whitney Canyon	1,500,000	N/A	1,500,000	0
Item 3790-102-0005 (dx)	946,000	N/A	946,000	0
A. Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park	946,000	N/A	946,000	0
Item 3790-102-0005 (ix), Ch. 52/00	4,730,000	N/A	4,730,000	0
A. Arroyo Seco Confluence Park	4,730,000	N/A	4,730,000	0
SAFE DRINKING WATER, CLEAN WATER, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND FLOOD ACT OF 2000 - PROPOSITION 13				
Item 3810-301-6015	5,000,000	N/A	4,985,000	15,000
A. Marsh Street *	5,000,000	N/A	4,985,000	15,000
TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT				
Item	256,000	N/A	256,000	0
A. Santa Susana Mountains - Newhall	256,000	N/A	256,000	0

1. Funds revert to fund of origin (SMMC Fund) and were available for expenditure under Item 3810-301-941, Ch. 324/83
2. This figure represents "spending authority"; however, the actual cash balance in the Conservancy Fund was \$496,255 which was available for expenditure from the spending authority appropriated in Item 3810-301-941, Ch. 258/84.
3. A \$1,000,000 abatement from the Lake Sherwood project makes the actual expenditures for this item total more than the appropriation.
4. This is the unencumbered spending authority; however, the Conservancy Fund cash balance was \$291,868, and was subsequently expended for the Conservancy's FY 87-88 support reimbursement.
5. Funds reverted no longer available for expenditure.
6. Subsequent to a 30-day notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the Department of Finance, these funds were redirected to the acquisition of Lower Solstice Phase I from the original appropriation for Lower Corral Canyon.
7. Projects originally authorized included Cabrini and Elmwood Canyons. The funds were re-appropriated in 1988 to the projects listed.
8. Unexpended funds reverted to fund of origin (Proposition 13, River Protection Subaccount).

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Item	Budget Year 03/04	Current 02/03	First PY 01/02	Second PY 00/01	Third PY 99/00
Personnel Years	124	140	117	100	75

REVENUE

1000	Interest	\$0	\$308,552	\$559,551	\$633,330	\$315,320
1130	Fees Garden Tours	45,000	49,148	25,081	1,296	0
1140	Fees Conference/Meetings	75,000	80,129	82,526	114,608	99,378
1150	Fees Special Events	375,112	358,170	406,526	231,804	222,105
1160	Fees Filming	277,886	222,638	200,555	199,457	153,167
1170	Fees Parking	55,000	71,410	64,431	68,518	64,360
1200	Leases / Land	0	47,667	12,625	9,138	294,598
1250	Leases Buildings	565,000	526,058	488,853	288,317	7,965
1260	Leases Antenna	285,800	243,994	266,851	275,155	0
1310	Citations	445,831	171,123	144,410	162,629	91,511
1320	Forfeitures / Citations	0	196	14,399	4,130	51,618
1400	SMMC Grants	24,029,921	10,232,020	13,638,916	27,377,396	8,970,000
1410	Other Government Agency Grants	8,422,197	3,343,026	10,923,948	6,635,051	3,795,362
1420	Other Grants / Settlements	438,827	370,075	323,825	363,911	646,008
1475	Government Agency Contracts	1,114,042	2,720,749	4,268,627	457,356	2,061,482
1510	Donations	0	20,548	43,615	412,199	35,320
1610	Sale of Fixed Assets	0	4,000,000	0	155,928	57,853
1620	Benefit Assessment District	124,992	4,999	3,060	2,571	19,198
1700	Miscellaneous Revenue	23,000	36,031	8,280	37,541	49,282
1899	Operating Transfer In	16,000	0	0	0	0
1900	Carry Over Funds	0	0	75,011	10,156	0

TOTAL BUDGET	\$36,293,608	\$22,806,533	\$31,551,089	\$37,440,488	\$16,934,527
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FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM PY	\$12,685,403	\$16,151,197	N/A	N/A	N/A
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TOTAL AVAILABLE REVENUE	\$48,979,011	\$38,957,730	\$31,551,089	\$37,440,488	\$16,934,527
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EXPENDITURES

710 ADMINISTRATION

Personnel Services	\$1,032,761	\$570,580	\$399,041	\$579,472	\$588,871
Contract Services	150,250	1,224,762	632,559	690,932	678,390
Operating Expenses & Equipment	447,717	746,641	512,459	569,958	505,700
Capital Expenditures	0	762,342	168,284	153,175	2,457,006
Overhead Allocations	1,695,840	-4,066,838	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sub Total	\$3,326,568	-\$762,513	\$1,712,343	\$1,993,536	\$4,229,967

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Item	Budget Year 03/04	Current 02/03	First PY 01/02	Second PY 00/01	Third PY 99/00
Personnel Years	124	140	117	100	75
720 NATURAL RESOURCES & PLANNING					
Personnel Services	\$2,082,537	\$1,628,541	\$951,728	\$576,043	\$465,101
Contract Services	925,361	1,090,181	975,253	1,081,737	279,335
Operating Expenses & Equipment	792,386	246,733	184,441	98,619	116,288
Capital Expenditures	0	2,809,768	765,606	273,012	86,921
Overhead Allocations	1,407,346	435,794	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sub Total	\$5,207,630	\$6,211,017	\$2,877,028	\$2,029,411	\$947,645
729 CAPITAL / CONSTRUCTION					
Personnel Services	\$138,435	\$1,096,734	\$1,170,764	\$937,770	\$1,918,346
Contract Services	0	82,710	21,299	740,190	129,099
Operating Expenses & Equipment	146,027	176,524	256,051	281,125	961,737
Capital Expenditures	29,145,428	15,926,205	25,715,594	15,213,397	3,251,973
Overhead Allocations	49,896	1,138,096	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sub Total	\$29,479,785	\$18,420,270	\$27,163,708	\$17,172,482	\$6,261,154
760 OPERATIONS					
Personnel Services	\$1,479,318	\$2,221,690	\$1,871,048	\$1,539,983	N/A *
Contract Services	313,233	104,426	48,166	86,785	N/A
Operating Expenses & Equipment	1,532,981	2,048,136	1,443,212	1,135,697	N/A
Capital Expenditures	23,502	379,774	259,909	149,549	N/A
Overhead Allocations	620,325	2,153,779	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sub Total	\$3,969,359	\$6,907,805	\$3,622,334	\$2,912,014	N/A
770 EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION					
Personnel Services	\$777,752	\$575,196	\$461,397	\$514,350	N/A
Contract Services	137,743	89,031	125,959	20,290	N/A
Operating Expenses & Equipment	367,884	332,787	387,325	208,644	N/A
Capital Expenditures	0	45,882	249,902	50,942	N/A
Overhead Allocations	131,372	339,169	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sub Total	\$1,414,751	\$1,382,065	\$1,224,583	\$794,226	N/A

* In FY 99/00 Operations and Capital/Construction Costs were recorded in the same division

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Item	Budget Year 03/04	Current 02/03	First PY 01/02	Second PY 00/01	Third PY 99/00
Personnel Years	124	140	117	100	75
780 PREMIERE PARKS					
Personnel Services	\$1,003,884	\$0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Contract Services	130,000	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Operating Expenses & Equipment	667,243	8,328	N/A	N/A	N/A
Capital Expenditures	670,000	22,244	N/A	N/A	N/A
Overhead Allocations	325,284	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sub Total	\$2,796,410	\$30,572	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	\$46,194,504	\$32,189,215	\$36,599,996	\$24,901,668	\$11,438,766

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JOINT POWERS AGENCIES**

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Item	Budget Year 03/04	Current 02/03	First PY 01/02	Second PY 00/01	Third PY 99/00
WHITTIER-PUENTE HILLS CONSERVATION AUTHORITY					
Allocation-Proposition A '96	\$0	\$110,945	\$0	\$0	\$0
Carryover	72,148	72,148	72,148	72,148	72,148
Expenditures-MRCA (Arroyo Pescadero) (by mutual agreement expended by MRCA)	0	(110,945)	0	0	0
Balance	\$72,148	\$72,148	\$72,148	\$72,148	\$72,148
WILDLIFE CORRIDOR CONSERVATION AUTHORITY					
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Allocation-Proposition A '96 (by mutual agreement to be expended by MRCA)	0	0	0	0	0
Carryover	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Balance	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
ADMINISTRATION OPERATING BUDGET					
New Revenue	\$22,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Carryover	0	0	1,544	1,544	1,544
Expenditures	(22,500)	(2,500)	(4,044)	(2,500)	(2,500)
Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,544	\$1,544
RESTRICTED DONATION FUND					
Revenue - Donations	\$717	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Carryover	0	6,395	5,395	4,395	3,395
Expenditures	0	(6,395)	0	0	0
Balance	\$717	\$0	\$6,395	\$5,395	\$4,395
MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AND EDUCATION AUTHORITY					
New Revenue	\$13	\$36	\$7	\$41	\$39
Carryover	846	810	803	762	723
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Balance	\$859	\$846	\$810	\$803	\$762
SANTA CLARITA WATERSHED RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY					
New Revenue	\$153	\$306,833	\$4,925,039	\$0	\$0
Carryover	16,847	4,925,039	0	0	0
Expenditures	0	(5,215,025)	0	0	0
Balance	\$17,000	\$16,847	\$4,925,039	\$0	\$0

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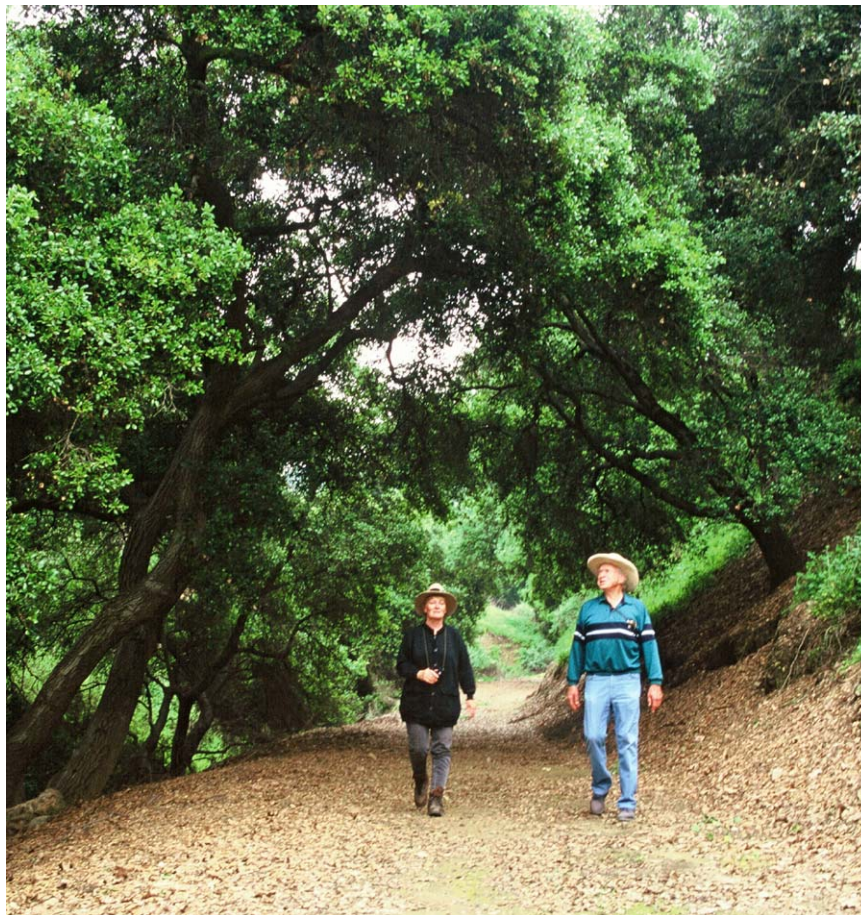
Item	Budget Year 03/04	Current 02/03	First PY 01/02	Second PY 00/01	Third PY 99/00
EASTERN VENTURA COUNTY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY					
No Financial Transactions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BALDWIN HILLS REGIONAL CONSERVATION AUTHORITY					
New Revenue	\$20,800	\$40,687	\$232,290	\$7,144,830	\$0
Carryover	1,692,710	1,662,755	1,960,830	0	0
Expenditures	0	(10,732)	(530,365)	(5,184,000)	0
Balance	\$1,713,510	\$1,692,710	\$1,662,755	\$1,960,830	\$0

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

Section 33208(a)(1) of the Public Resources Code provides that the annual report shall include a listing of, and justification for, the projects to be undertaken pursuant to Section 33204, a statement of the condition of the fund, and a certification that each of the projects proposed to be funded are consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.

As part of the resolution authorizing action on each project undertaken by the Conservancy, a certification is made that it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan as provided in Section 33208(a)(1).

The following are project reports, including information on grants and the workprogram priority list for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, for fiscal year 2002-2003.



PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Altadena Trail
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Nonprofit Matching Grant
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 1.5
Adjoins: Chaney Trail, Angeles National Forest
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 12/30/2002
Board Actions (Date): 3/24/03 **Resolution#:** 03-42
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Altadena Foothills Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$25,575.00
Purchase Price: \$51,150.88 **Price per Acre:** \$34,100.59
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Altadena Foothills Conservancy
Current Owner: Altadena Foothills Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, trails
Current Use: Open space, trails
Intended Permanent Agency: Altadena Foothills Conservancy or US Forest Service

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 5830-018-001
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property contains coastal sage scrub.

V. NARRATIVE

This Proposition 40 Nonprofit/Local Agency Matching Grant to the nonprofit Altadena Foothills Conservancy (AFC) provided a 50% match for a key parcel on the Chaney Trail along Chaney Trail Road. The parcel links with another larger property purchased previously by the AFC and Trust for Public Land. The trail corridor is a main gateway to Millard Falls, Mount Wilson, and other scenic destinations in the Angeles National Forest.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Antelope Valley - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 80
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$27,041.00 **Price per Acre:** \$338.01
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 3091-018-900, 3091-018-90
(old numbers: 3091-018-008, 3091-018-009)
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This 80-acre parcel provides a good example of central Antelope Valley scrub communities. Adjacent parcels contain similar habitat and rocklands.

V. NARRATIVE

This property should form the core to a much larger protected habitat area just south of several Los Angeles County natural areas.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Antelope Valley (North) - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 158.76
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$18,593.00 **Price per Acre:** \$117.11
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 3236-006-001, 3236-007-001
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: Supports creosote-based plant community with braided wash system.

V. NARRATIVE

This 158-acre property is located in a key undeveloped habitat area between Lancaster and Edwards Air Force Base.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Antelope Valley (South) - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 60
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$9,371.00 **Price per Acre:** \$156.18
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 3318-002-011
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property contains desert scrub with some transitional montane elements.

V. NARRATIVE

This property secures a protected habitat foothold in a large block of open land at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Arroyo Seco Confluence Park - Horowitz

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Urban / River
Acres: 0.45
Adjoins: Within walking distance of Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 2/14/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 2/14/2003
Board Actions (Date): 1/28/02 **Resolution#:** 02-19
Appraiser: Integra Realty Resources

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$4,730,000.00
Purchase Price: \$535,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$1,188,888.80
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Park, viewshed, bikeway
Current Use: Open space, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 5415-001-013
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: None

V. NARRATIVE

This property provides great potential for restoration and recreation along the Los Angeles River, affording views of the river and downtown Los Angeles, and can serve as an integral part of the river bikeway. The parcel's corner configuration provides good public access.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Arroyo Sequit - Freeman Donation
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Donation
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 1.02
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 4/2/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/23/02 Resolution#: 02-125
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 4472-008-908
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: Located within the upper east fork of the Arroyo Sequit watershed, the subject property is an incremental step in the protection of one of the most ecologically rich riparian corridors in the Santa Monica Mountains. Southern steelhead trout now occupy the Lower Arroyo Sequit Mountains.

V. NARRATIVE

Located in a moderately subdivided area portion of the Santa Monica Mountains, this acquisition benefits the Arroyo Sequit watershed, and the Mulholland Scenic Highway and Backbone Trail viewsheds.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Big Rock Wash - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 40
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$25,098.00 **Price per Acre:** \$627.45
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 3079-004-005
SEA: Yes
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: Located in an active portion of Big Rock Wash near the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains, this property contains sensitive vegetation restricted to desert washes.

V. NARRATIVE

This acquisition provides an initial step in securing a protected corridor from Big Rock Wash to other natural areas near the northern reaches of Los Angeles County.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Browns Canyon - Schweitzer Trust
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Rim of the Valley
Acres: 324
Adjoins: Joughin Ranch, City of LA DRP open space, proposed Deerlake mitigation parcel, LA County open space, Deerlake Highlands open space, Browns Canyon-Webb
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/8/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/8/2002
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02 **Resolution#:** 02-115
Appraiser: Harry McWaters, Integra Realty Resources

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$2,213,587.00
Purchase Price: \$1,782,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$5,500.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, trails, staging area, campground
Current Use: Open space, trails, staging area
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2821-008-023, 2821-008-037, 2821-009-027, 2821-014-014, 2821-015-004, 2821-016-008, 2821-016-009, 2821-019-006, 2821-019-008, 2821-019-027, 2821-019-029, 2821-019-031, 2821-019-033
SEA: Yes, 20
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property contains some of the most ecologically significant natural land in the Los Angeles River Watershed. The property supports oak woodland, sage scrub and chaparral.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Browns Canyon - Schweitzer Trust
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

V. NARRATIVE

This property encompasses much of the buildable and accessible terrain in Browns Canyon, and also includes a key portion of Ybarra Canyon which is a primary tributary of Devil Canyon. This property will form part of a contiguous, publicly owned, open space corridor from the 118 Freeway to the crest of the Santa Susana Mountains. The onsite trails provide commanding views of the Santa Susana Mountains, the Simi Hills and southward across the San Fernando Valley. The MRCA intends to construct a major trail staging area in an existing dirt area just off Browns Canyon Road.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Browns Canyon - Webb
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Rim of the Valley
Acres: 80
Adjoins: Browns Canyon - Schweitzer, proposed Deerlake mitigation parcel
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 9/10/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 9/10/2002
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02 **Resolution#:** 02-115
Appraiser: Harry McWaters - Integra Ellis Realty Resources

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$2,213,587.00
Purchase Price: \$240,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$3,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, trails
Current Use: Open space, trails
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2821-009-026
SEA: Yes, 20
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This strategic parcel supports sage scrub, and pockets of oak and riparian woodland in both the Ybarra and Devil's Canyon watersheds.

V. NARRATIVE

This key property connects the western 80 acres of the Browns Canyon - Schweitzer property to the large public open space block that would be created by the Deerlake Ranch 160-acre dedication. The property anchors the southwest corner of the Michael D. Antonovich Regional Park and provides key trail linkages to Joughin Ranch.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Cahuenga Pass - Oakshire Canyon
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 16.84
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/2/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/2/2003
Board Actions (Date): 12/17/01 **Resolution#:** 01-204
Appraiser: Flavell, Tennenbaum, and Edwards.

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$45,000.00
Purchase Price: \$1,250,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$74,228.03
Funding Source(s): Private Contributions, Zions Bank Loan
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, wildlife corridor
Current Use: Open space, wildlife corridor
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2427-006-005
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan
Biological Resources: The canyon contains a year-round spring and a robust riparian corridor, and is the primary, naturally occurring, perennial water source for wildlife in the far eastern Santa Monica Mountains. Due to the property's north-facing aspect, minimal human disturbance, and perennial water source, it is able to support a high density of larger native mammal species. The property also features complex chaparral vegetation interspersed with pockets of grassland and oak woodland.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Cahuenga Pass - Oakshire Canyon
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

V. NARRATIVE

The subject property is part of a habitat block that is a critical element in the wildlife corridor system that prevents Griffith Park at the eastern terminus of the Santa Monica Mountains from becoming a biologically-isolated island. This acquisition was imperative to maintaining a wildlife movement corridor between the Fryman Canyon Core habitat area and Griffith Park. It is anticipated that the portion of the Zions Loan used to acquire the property will be satisfied by the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District in early 2004.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Castro Peak Motorway (West) - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 5.49
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$20,932.00 **Price per Acre:** \$3,812.75
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, trails
Current Use: Open space, trails
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4464-022-020
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This property contains highly diverse chaparral principally on the north slope of the range.

V. NARRATIVE

This property was a key acquisition to secure public access on the Castro Peak Motorway.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name /Code: Castro Peak North Slope - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 160
Adjoins: Malibu Creek State Park, National Park Service Property
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$134,485.00 **Price per Acre:** \$840.53
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12, National Park Service
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: National Park Service

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4464-020-057, 4464-020-058
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This wilderness property supports the highest quality chaparral vegetation and several acres of riparian habitat next to the Kaslow Natural Preserve.

V. NARRATIVE

This acquisition made a huge contribution to the multi-agency parkland system on the north slope of Castro Peak. The National Park Service provided funding toward the purchase price.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: City of Industry Donation - Libaw
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project:	Acquisition	
Acquisition Type:	Donation	
Location:	Urban	
Acres:	0.34	
Adjoins:	None	
SMM Comprehensive Plan:	No	
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan:	No	
Rim of the Valley Plan:	No	
Escrow Closing (Date):		and/or Project Completion Date: 12/18/2002
Board Actions (Date):	10/28/02	Resolution#: 02-144
Appraiser:	N/A	

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From:	N/A	
Grantee:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority	
Total Grant Amount:	\$0.00	
Purchase Price:	\$0.00	Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s):	N/A	
Item of Appropriation:	N/A	

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use:	Open space
Current Use:	Open space
Intended Permanent Agency:	Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas:	No	APN(s): 8264-011-011
SEA:	No	
Special Planning Zones:	No	
Biological Resources:	The subject parcel supports little natural vegetation but can be restored to provide a pocket of urban habitat for birds.	

V. NARRATIVE

The site serves as a good opportunity to hold land in the City of Industry near San Jose Creek, and has many potential uses as a pocket park or habitat island.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Deerlake Highlands - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 0.08
Adjoins: Deerlake Highlands open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Presido Group, LLC
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$825.00
Purchase Price: \$825.00 **Price per Acre:** \$10,312.50
Funding Source(s): Payment from Presido Group, LLC
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2819-010-004
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This highly subdivided bench of the south face of the Santa Susana Mountains supports mixed chaparral dominated by chamise and black sage.

V. NARRATIVE

This property adds to the Conservancy's objective of maximizing open space and habitat resources around the planned Deerlake Highlands subdivision in the Browns Canyon Watershed.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Deerlake Highlands - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 0.11
Adjoins: Deerlake Highlands open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Presidio Group, LLC
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$852.22
Purchase Price: \$852.22 **Price per Acre:** \$7,747.45
Funding Source(s): Payment from Presidio Group, LLC.
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2819-010-009
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This highly subdivided bench of the south face of the Santa Susana Mountains supports mixed chaparral dominated by chamise and black sage.

V. NARRATIVE

This property adds to the Conservancy's objective of maximizing open space and habitat resources around the planned Deerlake Highlands subdivision in the Browns Canyon Watershed.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Deerlake Highlands - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 0.08
Adjoins: Deerlake Highlands open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Presido Group, LLC
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$894.00
Purchase Price: \$894.00 **Price per Acre:** \$11,175.00
Funding Source(s): Payment from Presido Group, LLC
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2816-014-022
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This highly subdivided bench of the south face of the Santa Susana Mountains supports mixed chaparral dominated by chamise and black sage.

V. NARRATIVE

This property adds to the Conservancy's objective of maximizing open space and habitat resources around the planned Deerlake Highlands subdivision in the Browns Canyon Watershed.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Deerlake Highlands - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 0.05
Adjoins: Deerlake Highlands Open Space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 8/14/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 8/14/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Presidio Group , LLC
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$795.00
Purchase Price: \$795.00 **Price per Acre:** \$15,900.00
Funding Source(s): Payment from Presidio Group , LLC
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2816-011-017
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This highly subdivided area of the south face of the Santa Susana Mountains supports mixed chaparral dominated by chamise and black sage.

V. NARRATIVE

This property adds to the Conservancy's objective of maximizing open space and habitat resources around the planned Deerlake Highlands subdivision in the Browns Canyon Watershed.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Deerlake Highlands - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 0.06
Adjoins: Deerlake Highlands open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 8/14/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 8/14/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Presidio Group, LLC
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$889.00
Purchase Price: \$889.00 **Price per Acre:** \$14,816.67
Funding Source(s): Payment from Presidio Group, LLC
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2816-012-005
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This highly subdivided area of the south face of the Santa Susana Mountains supports mixed chaparral dominated by chamise and black sage.

V. NARRATIVE

This property adds to the Conservancy's objective of maximizing open space and habitat resources around the planned Deerlake Highlands subdivision in the Browns Canyon Watershed.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Forge Dedication 5-87-983

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition

Acquisition Type: Dedication

Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains

Acres:

Adjoins: Solstice Canyon Park

SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes

SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes

Rim of the Valley Plan: No

Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 1/17/03

Board Actions (Date): **Resolution#:**

Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A

Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Total Grant Amount: \$0.00

Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00

Funding Source(s): N/A

Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Intended Use: Open space, trails

Current Use: Open space, trails

Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: Yes **APN(s):**

SEA: No

Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone

Biological Resources: Native sycamore-alder-oak riparian woodland

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 4/6/90.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Glazer/Monkarsh Scenic Easement P-81-7716

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 2.08
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 9/5/02
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02 **Resolution#:** 02-111
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4446-012-001, 4446-012-002, 4446-012-003
SEA: No 4446-012-004, 4446-012-005, 4446-012-010
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 9/21/81 and 9/18/81.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Gordon Sweetwater Trail Easement 5-86-293A5

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition

Acquisition Type: Dedication

Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains

Acres: 1.96

Adjoins: Gordon Dedication

SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes

SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes

Rim of the Valley Plan: No

Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 6/10/03

Board Actions (Date): 12/17/01, 8/26/02 **Resolution#:** 01-206, 02-97

Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A

Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Total Grant Amount: \$0.00

Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00

Funding Source(s): N/A

Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Intended Use: Open space

Current Use: Trail

Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4452-025-014

SEA: Yes, 5

Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone

Biological Resources: N/A

V. NARRATIVE

This trail segment is part of a longer trail to connect the Sierra Retreat area with the proposed Coastal Slope Trail. The applicant is required to construct the section of trail or pay the MRCA to build it. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 3/7/03.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Grenell Open Space Easement 5-81-596

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition

Acquisition Type: Dedication

Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains

Acres: 9.62

Adjoins:

SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes

SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes

Rim of the Valley Plan: No

Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 6/13/03

Board Actions (Date): 6/10/03 **Resolution#:** 03-73

Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A

Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

Total Grant Amount: \$0.00

Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00

Funding Source(s): N/A

Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

Intended Use: Open space

Current Use: Open space

Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4453-002-066, 4453-002-071

SEA: No

Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone

Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 5/3/82.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Haigh/Rosenberg Scenic Easement P-79-5907

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 2.47
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 9/5/02
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02 Resolution#: 02-111
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 4440-025-016, 4440-025-019, 4440-025-022,
4440-025-023 (portion), 4440-026-005,
SEA: No 4440-026-006, 4440-026-009, 4440-026-010,
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone 4440-026-015, 4440-026-016
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 10/1/81.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Hall Beckley Canyon - La Cañada Flintridge

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Local Agency Grant
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 5.67
Adjoins: Angeles National Forest
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): _____ **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** _____
Board Actions (Date): 2/24/03 **Resolution#:** 03-27
Appraiser: Koeppel Tener Real Estate

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of La Cañada Flintridge
Total Grant Amount: \$600,000.00
Purchase Price: \$770,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$128,333.33
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: City of La Cañada Flintridge
Current Owner: City of La Cañada Flintridge
Intended Use: Open space, trails
Current Use: Open space, trails
Intended Permanent Agency: City of La Cañada Flintridge

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 5864-004-018, 5864-006-017, 5864-006-026
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: Contains a USGS Blueline stream and many mature oak and sycamore trees.

V. NARRATIVE

This matching grant provided \$600,000 to the City of La Cañada Flintridge for acquisition of the approximately 6-acre Hall Beckley property adjacent to the Angeles National Forest. The property provides a high-quality and beautiful access point for two trails in the Angeles National Forest.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Haynie Scenic Easement P-80-6781
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 12.5
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 9/5/02
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02 Resolution#: 02-111
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 4464-020-025, 4464-020-053,
4464-020-059 (portion)
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 9/10/81.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Haynie Scenic Easement P-81-7896
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 12.5
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 9/5/02
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02 Resolution#: 02-111
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 4464-020-052, 4464-020-059 (portion)
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 10/6/81.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Headwaters Corner - MRT

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Nonprofit Grant
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 2.2
Adjoins: Mountains Restoration Trust open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/30/2003 and/or **Project Completion Date:** 1/30/2003
Board Actions (Date): 3/24/03 **Resolution#:** 03-47
Appraiser: Marvin Lopata

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Restoration Trust
Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Purchase Price: \$750,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$340,909.09
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Restoration Trust/City of Calabasas
Current Owner: Mountains Restoration Trust/City of Calabasas
Intended Use: Open space, trails, educational facility
Current Use: Open space, trails, educational facility
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Restoration Trust/City of Calabasas

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2069-016-039
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Highway
Biological Resources: This property contains a several-hundred-foot-long section of Dry Creek. The creek includes a big riparian woodland. Surrounding hillsides support purple sage and California walnut.

V. NARRATIVE

This matching grant provided \$250,000 to the Mountains Restoration Trust to acquire a parcel totaling approximately 2.2 acres located along Dry Canyon Creek, a perennial headwater of the Los Angeles River. The parcel is within Headwaters Corner, which will eventually be used as a Regional Environmental Interpretive Center. The parcels provide a critical link of the Henry Ridge Trail.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Juniper Hills - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 120.53
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 12/23/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 12/23/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$11,813.00 **Price per Acre:** \$98.01
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open Space
Current Use: Open Space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 3059-005-006, 3059-004-002
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property supports transition vegetation from Juniper woodland to desert scrub.

V. NARRATIVE

This property protects key natural areas along the southern edge of the Angeles National Forest.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Latigo Canyon - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 39.82
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$69,839.00 **Price per Acre:** \$1,753.87
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4465-005-009
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This property supports thick chaparral influenced by coastal proximity.

V. NARRATIVE

This property is fundamental to tie together protected Castro Crest, Solstice Canyon, and Ramirez Canyon open space areas.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Laurel Canyon - Briar Summit
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 52
Adjoins: Department of Water and Power open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 12/30/2002 and/or Project Completion Date: 12/30/2002
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/02 Resolution#: 02-155
Appraiser: Harry McWaters, Integra Realty Resources

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$90,000.00
Purchase Price: \$3,800,000.00 Price per Acre: \$73,076.92
Funding Source(s): Proposition A 1996, Senator Kuehl and Assemblyman Koretz Member Requests, Zions Bank Loan, Proposition 12, Private Funding, Lloyd Rigler Trust
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, viewshed, wildlife corridor, trails
Current Use: Open space, viewshed, wildlife corridor, trails
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 5570-021-018, 5570-021-020, 5570-021-019, 5570-020-008, 5570-020-007
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan
Biological Resources: This property provides both a critical core habitat area and a hub for wildlife movement in the only habitat network that can replenish wildlife to the 5,000-acre Griffith Park habitat block, thus preventing Griffith Park from becoming biologically isolated. It contains both north and south-facing chaparral communities.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Laurel Canyon - Briar Summit
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

V. NARRATIVE

The 52-acre Briar Summit property is part of an approximately 100-acre habitat block in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains that has been on all Conservancy workprograms since 1993. The property is highly visible from numerous areas on both the coastal and valley sides of the Santa Monica Mountains, including the Mulholland Scenic Parkway. This key viewshed property was acquired over a two-year period using seven funding sources. It is anticipated that the portion of the Zions Loan used to acquire the property will be satisfied by the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Lechuza Canyon - Rancho Bonito Conservation Easement

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Donation
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 41
Adjoins: Charmlee Wilderness Park
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 12/17/2002
Board Actions (Date): 12/16/02 **Resolution#:** 02-173
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: Yes **APN(s):** 4472-027-001, 4472-025-046
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This conservation easement covers a key section on Lechuza Canyon with a small stretch of riparian corridor and extensive coastal sage scrub. The easement buffers and includes portions of the Lechuza Canyon Environmental Sensitive Habitat Area.

V. NARRATIVE

This donation provides a key piece in the ongoing efforts of park agencies and nonprofit organizations to protect Lechuza Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Little Tujunga Canyon - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 8.44
Adjoins: Angeles National Forest
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$2,432.00 **Price per Acre:** \$288.15
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, trail
Current Use: Open space, trail
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2581-010-023
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Angeles National Forest
Biological Resources: This property supports chaparral characteristic of lower Little Tujunga Canyon

V. NARRATIVE

The subject property fills in an inholding in the Angeles National Forest. It abuts Little Tujunga Canyon Road and is bisected by a trail.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Live Oak Canyon - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 0.27
Adjoins: Los Angeles County Flood Control
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 12/23/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 12/23/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$2,710.00 **Price per Acre:** \$10,037.04
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 8669-010-005, 8669-010-001
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property contains both chaparral and oak woodland associated with the Live Oak Canyon wash system.

V. NARRATIVE

This property fills a gap between open space blocks in the Live Oak Canyon habitat and trail network leading to the Angeles National Forest.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Lobo Canyon - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 40
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$83,651.00 **Price per Acre:** \$2,091.27
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2058-012-038
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property contains rugged chaparral habitat in upper Lobo Canyon.

V. NARRATIVE

This property provides key watershed protection, viewshed, and habitat linkage between Las Virgenes Reservoir and Rocky Oaks Park.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Los Angeles County - Calabasas/Cold Creek
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Local Agency Grant
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 120
Adjoins: Red Rock Canyon Park
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 5/19/2003
Board Actions (Date): 5/19/03 **Resolution#:** 03-76
Appraiser: Tom Erickson, MAI

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation
Total Grant Amount: \$200,000.00
Purchase Price: \$1,500,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$12,500.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Restoration Trust
Current Owner: Delores A. and Tyron N. Sisson
Intended Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4455-009-002, 4455-009-004,
4455-009-011, 4455-009-012
SEA: Yes, 9
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property supports a range of plant communities on unique red sandstone rock formations. These include state-listed rare Santa Susana tarweed.

V. NARRATIVE

This matching grant provided \$200,000 to Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to acquire a 120-acre parcel that is located in both the Topanga and Cold Creek Watersheds. The Calabasas/Cold Creek Trail follows the ridgeline on the property.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: McKenzie Scenic Easement P-5-81-192

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 0.65
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 9/5/02
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02 **Resolution#:** 02-111
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4461-015-026, 4461-015-030, 4461-015-032
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 12/4/81.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Mellein Open Space Easement P-5-81-338

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 1.84
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 5/6/03
Board Actions (Date): 4/28/03 **Resolution#:** 03-45
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4456-027-001
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 5/25/82.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Morford Scenic Easement P-80-6995
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 0.34
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 5/6/03
Board Actions (Date): 4/28/03 Resolution#: 03-45
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 4471-008-004, 4474-008-005
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 6/1/82.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Mount Washington - Heidelberg Park
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 18.72
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 11/26/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 11/26/2002
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/02 **Resolution#:** 02-164
Appraiser: Thomas Erickson, MAI

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$523,152.00
Purchase Price: \$468,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$25,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 5471-013-900 (001)
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Mount Washington Specific Plan
Biological Resources: This 18-acre property contains one of the best remaining examples of a California black walnut woodland community in a major urban setting. Over one hundred species of birds have been recorded on the site.

V. NARRATIVE

This property provides the potential for nature experiences for schoolchildren and residents within the area, and will provide for public use and access to low-impact recreational opportunities, as well as protecting a significant viewshed in Mount Washington.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Mount Washington - Mabe/Dudrow
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Donation
Location: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 1.74
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 12/27/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 12/27/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-151
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 5464-002-900, 5464-007-043
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Mount Washington Specific Plan
Biological Resources: The property contains a California walnut woodland plant community.

V. NARRATIVE

The property features a prominent view site with spectacular vistas. The property also contains a portion of the Jack Smith Trail.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Newhall Pass Wildlife Corridor - Wasserman
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 29.5
Adjoins: Dedication from Sunshine Canyon Landfill
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 3/27/2001 and/or Project Completion Date: 12/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 1/22/01 Resolution#: 01-07
Appraiser: Integra Realty Resources

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$345,000.00
Purchase Price: \$44,100.00 Price per Acre: \$1,494.92
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, viewshed, wildlife corridor and trail
Current Use: Open space, viewshed, wildlife corridor and trail
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 2826-026-017, 2826-015-022,
2826-026-007, 2826-026-008
SEA: Yes, 20
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: Located on the Santa Susana Mountains side of the Weldon Canyon overcrossing of Interstate 5, this property provides a critical component of an inter-mountain range wildlife corridor to the San Gabriel Mountains. It contains riparian habitat and dense north-slope woodland that is integral to the Santa Clarita Woodlands Park ecosystem.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Newhall Pass Wildlife Corridor - Wasserman
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

V. NARRATIVE

This key 29-acre parcel is located at the top of Newhall Pass, providing trail access to the Weldon Motorway which ties into the Rim of the Valley Trail (Oat Mt. Motorway), and provides important viewshed to Interstate 5. The subject action in fiscal year 2002-2003 was to buy out a small remaining interest in the property from previously reluctant sellers when the acquisition closed in 2001.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Oak Forest Canyon Natural Area
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 1.77
Adjoins: Fossil Ridge Park
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 11/26/2002 and/or Project Completion Date: 11/26/2002
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/02 Resolution#: 02-148
Appraiser: Paul Oswald

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$326,700.00
Purchase Price: \$300,000.00 Price per Acre: \$169,491.52
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12, Private Donation
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, trails
Current Use: Open space, trails
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 2274-025-001
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Parkway
Biological Resources: The property contains a year-round seep and is heavily wooded with coast live oak trees. The per-acre habitat value of the property is difficult to match anywhere in the Santa Monica Mountains east of Beverly Glen Boulevard.

V. NARRATIVE

This acquisition will provide a quality public entrance to Fossil Ridge Park, as well as several parking spots at the property entrance.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Outpost Canyon - Castilian Drive
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Donation
Location: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 0.29
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 12/23/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/23/02 Resolution#: 02-136
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, wildlife corridor
Current Use: Open space, wildlife corridor
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 5549-013-029, 5549-013-031
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan
Biological Resources: This property connects habitat between the Hollywood Bowl open space and Runyon Canyon Park, and supports dense growth of mixed chaparral.

V. NARRATIVE

The parcels are critical to maintaining a habitat linkage network through the Outpost Estates neighborhood between the Hollywood Bowl open space and Runyon Canyon Park. This is the only habitat linkage between these two large open space blocks in the eastern Santa Monica Mountains.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Pico Canyon - Tax Defaulted Property - Number 1

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 11.03
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$1,628.00 **Price per Acre:** \$147.60
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2826-030-005
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: Located on the north slope of the Santa Susana Mountains, this 20-acre property contains a mix of chaparral and sage scrub vegetation. It is part of the core habitat of the range.

V. NARRATIVE

The upper reaches of Pico Canyon contain a highly subdivided block of parcels. This parcel represents a key step in securing a connected habitat block between existing Pico Canyon parkland and the crest of the Santa Susana Mountains.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Pico Canyon - Tax Defaulted Property - Number 2

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Rim of the Valley
Acres: 20
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/29/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/29/2003
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$1,709.00 **Price per Acre:** \$85.45
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2826-033-013
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: Located on the north slope of the Santa Susana Mountains, this 20-acre property contains a mix of chaparral and sage scrub vegetation. It is part of the core habitat of the range.

V. NARRATIVE

The upper reaches of Pico Canyon contain a highly subdivided block of parcels. This parcel represents a key step in securing a connected habitat block between existing Pico Canyon parkland and the crest of the Santa Susana Mountains.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Ramirez Canyon - Kabrin
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 25.99
Adjoins: National Park Service open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 1/22/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 1/22/2003
Board Actions (Date): 3/25/02 **Resolution#:** 02-53
Appraiser: Tom Erickson, MAI

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$295,000.00
Purchase Price: \$285,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$10,965.75
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40, Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029, 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: National Park Service

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4465-005-019
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: The property contains spectacular chaparral, coastal sage scrub, riparian and oak woodland habitat. It also supports California black walnut trees.

V. NARRATIVE

This 26-acre property straddles the ridgeline between Ramirez and Escondido Canyons. It provides critical viewshed from Kanan Dume Road and includes a paved trail that is part of the designated trail between Kanan Dume and Escondido Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Red Rock - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 40
Adjoins: Red Rock Canyon Park
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$101,990.00 **Price per Acre:** \$2,549.75
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4455-009-005
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This property contains mixed chaparral and numerous rock outcroppings.

V. NARRATIVE

This great addition to Red Rock Canyon Park provides critical trail viewshed and core habitat value.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Sierra Madre - Tax Defaulted Property

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 40
Adjoins: Angeles National Forest and City of Sierra Madre open space
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 12/23/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 12/23/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$4,588.00 **Price per Acre:** \$114.70
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 5862-015-001
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Angeles National Forest
Biological Resources: This property contains dense chaparral vegetation that is part of the core habitat of the Angeles National Forest.

V. NARRATIVE

This property eliminated a 40-acre inholding in the Angeles National Forest adjacent to the City of Sierra Madre.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Solstice Canyon Conservation Easement
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 2.7
Adjoins: Fort Lodge Development
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 1/17/2003
Board Actions (Date): 4/2/90 Resolution#: 90-25
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, conservation
Current Use: Open space, conservation
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: Yes APN(s): 4459-008-001
SEA: Yes
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This easement contains extensive sycamore alder riparian woodland and aquatic resources in Solstice Creek.

V. NARRATIVE

This conservation easement and a trail easement are requirements for a Coastal Development Permit from the early 1990s.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Stewart Scenic Easement P-5-81-532
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Dedication
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 0.16
Adjoins:
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 5/6/03
Board Actions (Date): 4/28/03 Resolution#: 03-45
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 4457-021-015
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources:

V. NARRATIVE

This property was acquired to preserve viewshed, habitat, and open space. The Coastal Commission Offer to Dedicate was recorded on 5/7/82.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Summit Valley Park - North Addition

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 19
Adjoins: Ed Edelman - Summit Valley Park
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 12/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 12/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 8/26/02, 9/23/02 **Resolution#:** 02-110, 02-120
Appraiser: Buss-Shelger Associates

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of Calabasas
Total Grant Amount: \$200,000.00
Purchase Price: \$600,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$31,578.95
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12, Proposition A 1996, City of Calabasas
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: City of Calabasas
Current Owner: City of Calabasas
Intended Use: Open space, trail, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, trail, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4434-003-040
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This highly visible property supports dense scrub oak chaparral on the north-facing slope in the Los Angeles River watershed and mixed chaparral and sage scrub on the Topanga Canyon side.

V. NARRATIVE

Brokered by the Mountains Restoration Trust, this project includes contributions from LACO, the City of Calabasas and SMMC. The property occupies a prominent knoll just across Topanga Canyon Boulevard from the Top of Topanga Overlook and includes a section of the Henry Ridge Trail. The City of Calabasas will transfer the property to the MRCA after initial improvements are made.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Sylmar - Saddletree Easements
Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 65
Adjoins: Angeles National Forest, Los Angeles City Stetson Ranch Park, LACO Flood Control
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 9/10/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 9/10/2002
Board Actions (Date): 3/16/98 **Resolution#:** 98-20
Appraiser: Eichel Inc.

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Los Angeles Regional Park and Open Space District
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$250,000.00
Purchase Price: \$195,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$3,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition A Competitive Grant Funds
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Trails, open space, conservation
Current Use: Trails, open space, conservation
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2582-034-003, 2582-034-004,
SEA: No 2582-034-005, 2582-034-006
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: The property supports a dense chaparral cover on decomposed granite soils with small pockets of California sycamores in one deep draw.

V. NARRATIVE

This project includes a 65-acre conservation easement that abuts the Angeles National Forest to the north, Cascades Golf Course to the west, and Stetson Ranch Park to the east. The other project component is a trail easement through a connected lot owned by the Saddletree Ranch Homeowners' Association. This trail easement provides the missing link to a contiguous section of the Rim of the Valley Trail from Interstate 5 to Wilson Canyon Park.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Sylmar - Sombrero Canyon
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Donation
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 144
Adjoins: Angeles National Forest, LACO Flood Control
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or Project Completion Date: 9/17/2002
Board Actions (Date): 6/24/02 Resolution#: 02-82
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: N/A
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$0.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 Price per Acre: \$0.00
Funding Source(s): N/A
Item of Appropriation: N/A

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No APN(s): 2581-001-024
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This rugged property contains the lower reaches of at least two USGS blue-line streams that descend from the San Gabriel Mountains to the edge of the San Fernando Valley. The dominant vegetation cover is mixed chaparral with numerous pockets of oak trees.

V. NARRATIVE

The Wildlands Conservancy donated this large parcel that abuts the Angeles National Forest and several LACO flood control basin properties.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Topanga Canyon Central - Tax Defaulted Property - Number 1

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 0.03
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$1,501.00 **Price per Acre:** \$50,033.33
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4442-007-012
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This property supports mixed chaparral and benefits east-west wildlife movement across Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

V. NARRATIVE

This property is part of a key open space belt through one of the more densely populated sections of Topanga Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Topanga Canyon Central - Tax Defaulted Property - Number 2

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 0.03
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$1,384.00 **Price per Acre:** \$46,133.33
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4442-007-009
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This property supports mixed chaparral and benefits east-west wildlife movement across Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

V. NARRATIVE

This property is part of a key open space belt through one of the more densely populated sections of Topanga Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Topanga Canyon Central - Tax Defaulted Property - Number 3

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 19.61
Adjoins: None
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): 10/24/2002 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 10/24/2002
Board Actions (Date): 9/24/01 **Resolution#:** 01-159
Appraiser: N/A

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$575,019.00
Purchase Price: \$60,584.00 **Price per Acre:** \$3,089.44
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space
Current Use: Open space
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 4438-027-003
SEA: No
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone
Biological Resources: This property supports mixed chaparral and benefits east-west wildlife movement across Topanga Canyon Boulevard.

V. NARRATIVE

This property is part of a key open space belt through one of the more densely populated sections of Topanga Canyon.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Tucker

Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Acres: 1,518
Adjoins: Will Rogers State Park, Mulholland Scenic Highway
SMM Comprehensive Plan: Yes
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: Yes
Rim of the Valley Plan: No
Escrow Closing (Date): and/or **Project Completion Date:** 3/28/03
Board Actions (Date): 1/27/03, 12/16/02, 12/17/01 **Resolution#:** 03-09, 02-178, 01-218
Appraiser: Integra Realty Resources

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$4,078,617.00
Purchase Price: \$0.00 **Price per Acre:** \$2,686.84
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40, General Fund, Zions Bank Loan
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029, 3810-301-0941

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Intended Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2292-014-009, 4490-011-002, 4490-011-003,
SEA: No 4490-017-002, 4490-019-001, 4490-019-011,
4491-001-001, 4491-001-002, 4491-002-001,
4491-009-010
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Parkway
Biological Resources: This property contains over one mile of USGS Blue line stream, numerous riparian corridors with mature oak-sycamore woodland as well as high quality chaparral on south facing slopes.

V. NARRATIVE

The property contains key trail connections to Will Rogers State Park and is a key element of the Mulholland Corridor viewshed. The acquisition adds 1,518 acres to the Big Wild and protects key habitat linkage to the 405 Freeway. Grants and loan were used to complete acquisition of the property. The principal amount of loan is \$3,000,000, and the loan is secured by a trust deed.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Verdugo Mountains Open Space Preserve

Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 244
Adjoins: Camp Max Straus, and open space belonging to the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Los Angeles, and to DPR
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 3/21/2003 **and/or** **Project Completion Date:** 3/21/2003
Board Actions (Date): 12/16/02 **Resolution#:** 02-180
Appraiser: Lea Associates

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$12,000,000.00
Purchase Price: \$12,000,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$49,180.33
Funding Source(s): General Fund, Proposition 13, Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029, 3810-301-0941

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and City of Glendale
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 5630-029-009, 004, 5630-027-001, 002-006, 008,
SEA: Yes, 40 010-015, 018-023, 5617-024-007, 5616-001-006, 007
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: This property contains more than 2,300 mature coast live oaks, sycamores, big leaf maples, bay laurels, and other indigenous trees. Numerous springs and streams provide for a rich diversity of habitat.

V. NARRATIVE

The property contains several prominent ridgelines and is highly visible from the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor, the 210 Freeway and the Angeles National Forest. Equally dramatic are the vistas from the upper slopes of the property. An extensive network of existing trails on the property contribute to the recreational value of this property for over one million nearby residents.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

ACQUISITIONS

Project Name/Code: Verdugo Mountains - Shadow Hills
Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION/LOCATION

Type of Project: Acquisition
Acquisition Type: Purchase
Location: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Acres: 2.17
Adjoins: Los Angeles County Flood Control
SMM Comprehensive Plan: No
SMMNRA Land Prot. Plan: No
Rim of the Valley Plan: Yes
Escrow Closing (Date): 9/26/03 **Project Completion Date:**
Board Actions (Date): 4/28/03 **Resolution#:** 03-61
Appraiser: Tom Erickson, MAI

II. FISCAL DATA

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$54,495.00
Purchase Price: \$145,000.00 **Price per Acre:** \$66,820.28
Funding Source(s): Proposition 12
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Current Owner: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Intended Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Current Use: Open space, trails, viewshed
Intended Permanent Agency: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

IV. RESOURCES DATA

ESHA Areas: No **APN(s):** 2547-018-008, 2547-018-009, 2547-018-010
SEA: Yes, 40
Special Planning Zones: No
Biological Resources: The property is generally rugged terrain with a high-quality cover of chaparral, coastal sage scrub, and scattered oaks. This acquisition protects core habitat and a key inter-mountain range wildlife corridor.

V. NARRATIVE

The Shadow Hills parcels, located next to the Wentworth Street underpass, comprise the only remaining habitat linkage preventing the Verdugo Mountains from being biologically isolated. The properties are steeply sloped and support an array of chaparral species. The property provides important viewshed to the Big Tujunga Wash and the 210 Freeway. Key properties in this area must be permanently protected or populations of medium and large-bodied mammals in the Verdugo Mountains will continue on a decline of reduced fitness because of inbreeding and the results of stochastic events.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Agoura Hills - Reyes Adobe Restoration

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project:	Improvements
Location/Park Name:	Simi Hills
Adjoins:	None
Operating Agency:	City of Agoura Hills
Special Planning Zones:	No

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From:	Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee:	City of Agoura Hills
Total Grant Amount:	\$400,000.00
Funding Source(s):	Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation:	3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date):	12/16/02
Resolution Number:	02-170

III. NARRATIVE

This matching grant provided \$400,000 to the City of Agoura Hills for restoration of the Reyes Adobe historic site and implementation of an interpretive plan. A 200-year-old adobe house and a barn are located on the site.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Barbara Fine Overlook at the Summit
Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Adjoins: Fryman Canyon Park, Summit Homeowners' Association open space
Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: City of Los Angeles
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$93,000.00
Funding Source(s): City of Los Angeles
Item of Appropriation: N/A
Board Actions (Date): 8/24/00
Resolution Number: 00-92

III. NARRATIVE

The Barbara Fine Overlook at the Summit was improved to commemorate Barbara Fine who fought to preserve open space within the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains. The improvements include new interpretive panels, a new sign, and a new water fountain. The overlook site contains numerous oak trees and other native plants that grow naturally or have been planted by the MRCA since the overlook was first improved in 1995.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Calabasas - Wild Walnut Park
Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Adjoins: Dry Creek Canyon Park
Operating Agency: City of Calabasas
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Highway

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of Calabasas
Total Grant Amount: \$29,170.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 5/19/03
Resolution Number: 03-78

III. NARRATIVE

This matching grant provided \$29,170 to the City of Calabasas to implement improvements to Wild Walnut Park, which is located at Headwaters Corner in the upper Los Angeles River watershed. Those improvements included installation of a trail, fencing to protect the walnut grove, benches, tables, and signs.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Corral Canyon Trailhead
Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Western Santa Monica Mountains
Adjoins: Corral Canyon Park, Dan Blocker State Beach
Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Special Planning Zones: Coastal Zone

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: LACO Regional Park and Open Space District
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$130,000.00
Funding Source(s): LA County Regional Park and Open Space District
LA County Department of Parks and Recreation
Environmental Enhancement Mitigation Program (EEMP)
Item of Appropriation: N/A
Board Actions (Date): 5/4/92, 1/6/97
Resolution Number: 92-99, 97-33

III. NARRATIVE

The subject project provided a new parking/staging area at the mouth of Corral Canyon and a 1.7-mile-long loop trail that climbs the eastern side of Corral Canyon. The staging area includes a restroom, parking lot, interpretive displays, and ADA access. A set of stairs also leads to a seasonal crossing under Pacific Coast Highway to Dan Blocker State Beach. The project added numerous native trees, shrubs, herbs and grasses to a disturbed site. The \$130,000 grant is in addition to grants authorized in prior fiscal years for this project.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Elysian Valley Skate Park Landscaping

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Urban / River, Marsh Street Park
Adjoins: Marsh Street Park
Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Special Planning Zones: No

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Elysian Valley United
Total Grant Amount: \$35,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 5/19/03
Resolution Number: 03-77

III. NARRATIVE

The grant will be used for native plant landscaping around a skate park to be constructed by the City of Los Angeles and Elysian Valley United. Elysian Valley United is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving local youth and has a match of \$199,000 from the City of Los Angeles for the project. The skate park is located adjacent to the Conservancy's Marsh Street Park property on the Los Angeles River.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Flint Wash Trail Bridge
Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Adjoins: Hahamongna Watershed Park
Operating Agency: City of Pasadena
Special Planning Zones: No

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of Pasadena
Total Grant Amount: \$375,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 5/19/03
Resolution Number: 03-75

III. NARRATIVE

The City of Pasadena will construct a 150-foot bridge over Flint Wash to connect Flint Canyon Trail and the old Oak Grove area within Hahamongna Watershed Park. Part of a trail system that connects the Angeles National Forest with the Arroyo Seco, the bridge is an essential link within the Rim of the Valley Trail Corridor. Construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2004 and will utilize an existing historic bridge abutment.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Glendale - Le Mesnager Improvements

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Adjoins: Angeles National Forest
Operating Agency: City of Glendale
Special Planning Zones: No

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: City of Glendale
Total Grant Amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 3/24/03
Resolution Number: 03-46

III. NARRATIVE:

This matching grant provided \$200,000 to the City of Glendale to implement improvements at the Le Mesnager historic site in the Deukmejian Wilderness Park. The improvements include seismic stabilization and rehabilitation of structures on the site and the creation of interpretive displays. After the improvements are completed, the Le Mesnager barn will become an interpretive center.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Marge Feinberg - Rim of the Valley Trailhead and Trail

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Eastern Rim of the Valley
Adjoins: Saddletree Conservation Easements, Stetson Ranch Park
Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Special Planning Zones: No

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$500,000.00
Project grant amount: \$200,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition A 1996
Item of Appropriation: N/A
Board Actions (Date): 11/16/98
Resolution Number: 98-121

III. NARRATIVE

The Marge Feinberg trailhead and corresponding 1.5-mile long section of the Rim of the Valley (ROV) Trail provide the missing link in an otherwise completed 7-mile-long section of the ROV Trail. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority construction crews built both a new section of trail between Stetson Ranch Park and Los Angeles City Trail through the Cascades Golf Course, and an entrance kiosk and display to commemorate Marge Feinberg who first envisioned the ROV Trail.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Mentryville Barn

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Western Rim of the Valley
Adjoins: Mentryville
Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Special Planning Zones: No

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Los Angeles County Regional and Open Space District
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$750,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition A 1996
Item of Appropriation: N/A
Board Actions (Date): 2/25/02
Resolution Number: 02-20

III. NARRATIVE

The Mentryville Barn has been structurally enhanced and a new foundation laid, with every effort to retain as much of the original barn as possible. Part of a larger preservation effort, the barn is one of the remaining original parts of the historic town of Mentryville, along with the old Fenton schoolhouse and the Superintendent's house.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

IMPROVEMENTS

Project Name/Code: Mulholland Scenic Overlook Rehabilitation

Agency Code: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Improvements
Location/Park Name: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains
Adjoins: Wilson Canyon Park, Mulholland Gateway Park, Mulholland Scenic Parkway Overlooks
Operating Agency: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Special Planning Zones: Mulholland Scenic Parkway Specific Plan

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$246,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 9/23/02, 8/26/02
Resolution Number: 02-127(c), 02-114

III. NARRATIVE

This grant was awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for the purpose of rehabilitating Mulholland Scenic Overlooks and trailheads in the Santa Monica Mountains Zone. These overlooks are heavily used, and the native landscaping in and around high use areas tends to deteriorate as a result. Work performed included irrigation upgrades, replacement of plants, installation of mulch, repair of fencing, and graffiti removal and coating. The cumulative work for this project was too large to be absorbed by the MRCA's standard operations budget. Work was performed at Marvin Braude, Mulholland Gateway Park, Getty View Trailhead, the Stone Canyon, Summit, Nancy Hoover Pohl at Fryman Canyon, and Universal City Overlook, and other overlooks along Mulholland Drive. Many of these areas were negatively impacted by drought during the summer of 2002.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: American Land Conservancy
Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Eastern Santa Monica Mountains

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: American Land Conservancy
Total Grant Amount: \$20,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: N/A
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/02
Resolution Number: 02-139

III. NARRATIVE

The American Land Conservancy worked with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to facilitate the acquisition of the West Mulholland Trailhead property, also known as 21000 Mulholland. This grant reimbursed the American Land Conservancy for their services during the acquisition of the property.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Barley Flats Planning Study
Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Angeles National Forest

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$115,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005
Board Actions (Date): 5/19/03
Resolution Number: 03-74

III. NARRATIVE

Barley Flats is located in the Angeles National Forest and was first developed in the 1950s as a control/administrative base for the Nike Missile Defense System. The land was later used by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the Los Angeles County Probation Department. The Sheriff's Department continues to occupy a portion of the site for air rescue operations. This planning study, conducted in close cooperation with the United States Forest Service, will identify the highest and best possible public use for the facility and make recommendations for the development of the most appropriate joint-use facility. The site's existing infrastructure, proximity to trails, and location near heavily urbanized areas make it an attractive site for recreational, educational, interpretive, and camping programs.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: California Institute of Public Affairs

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: N/A

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: California Institute of Public Affairs
Total Grant Amount: \$110,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 12/16/02
Resolution Number: 02-171

III. NARRATIVE

The California Institute of Public Affairs (CIPA) conducted an urban outreach strategy project for the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. The project led to an active role in the Fifth World Parks Congress held in South Africa in July 2003. CIPA also developed a regional structure for cooperation in greater Los Angeles, and made recommendations on how the Augustus F. Hawkins Natural Park and Temescal Gateway Park could become state-of-the-art demonstration centers for urban outreach.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Education and Interpretation FY 02-03

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: N/A

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$544,950.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 9/23/02
Resolution Number: 02-127 (b)

III. NARRATIVE

The budget for the Division of Education and Interpretation is funded through grants, government contracts, and use fees. The total division budget as approved for this year included 13 full-time and 4 seasonal positions. The projects funded by Proposition 40, and covered by this grant, represent approximately fifty percent of the total Education and Interpretation budget. Programs funded by this grant include the Education & Interpretation General Administration, the Ramirez Canyon Outreach Program, and the River Center Outreach Program. General Administration includes all materials, development, and production, curriculum development, and the urban parks program, as well as interpretive supplies and training costs. The Outreach Programs include volunteer recruitment and training, school programs, public events, and programs for children with special needs.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Friends of the Conservancy
Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: N/A

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$76,293.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 10/28/02
Resolution Number: 02-143

III. NARRATIVE:

This grant was awarded to the nonprofit Friends of the Conservancy to research potential funding opportunities for Conservancy and MRCA programs.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Los Angeles County Browns Canyon Study

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: Western Rim of the Valley

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$100,000.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-0005
Board Actions (Date): 1/27/03
Resolution Number: 03-05

III. NARRATIVE:

The Browns Canyon watershed, including Devil's Canyon, comprises the largest open space area in the Los Angeles River watershed with the exception of the Angeles National Forest. Only small fractions of the watershed are developed. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority has acquired several large properties in the Browns Canyon watershed, including Joughin Ranch, totaling over 2,000 acres, and this land connects to over 5,000 acres of MRCA parkland within the greater Rocky Peak Park area. The Browns Canyon watershed contains strong potential to be unified as a regional open space park, but this effort requires substantial study. The MRCA is working in close cooperation with the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation to study legal and physical constraints, regional park standards, and develop a strategy for future acquisitions.

PROJECT ACTIVITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CERTIFICATION

PROJECT PLANNING AND DESIGN

Project Name/Code: Project Planning and Design FY 02-03

Agency Code: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

I. GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Type of Project: Project Planning and Design
Location/Park Name: N/A

II. GRANT INFORMATION:

Entity Grant is From: Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
Grantee: Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
Total Grant Amount: \$598,950.00
Funding Source(s): Proposition 40
Item of Appropriation: 3810-301-6029
Board Actions (Date): 9/23/02
Resolution Number: 02-127 (e)

III. NARRATIVE:

General Project Planning and Design includes most expenses related to the development of acquisition and park improvement projects. This grant was used to fund most of the MRCA's implementation of FY 02/03 Proposition 40-funded projects and some planning and design expenses for projects to be completed in FY 03/04. Expenses include physical support, including utilities, computer equipment, minor office supplies and meeting expenses, postage, vehicle maintenance, legal notices and advertisements, film and film processing, as well as staff time, appraisals, and coordination with partner agencies. These expenses are also paid for by specific project grants when those costs are eligible.